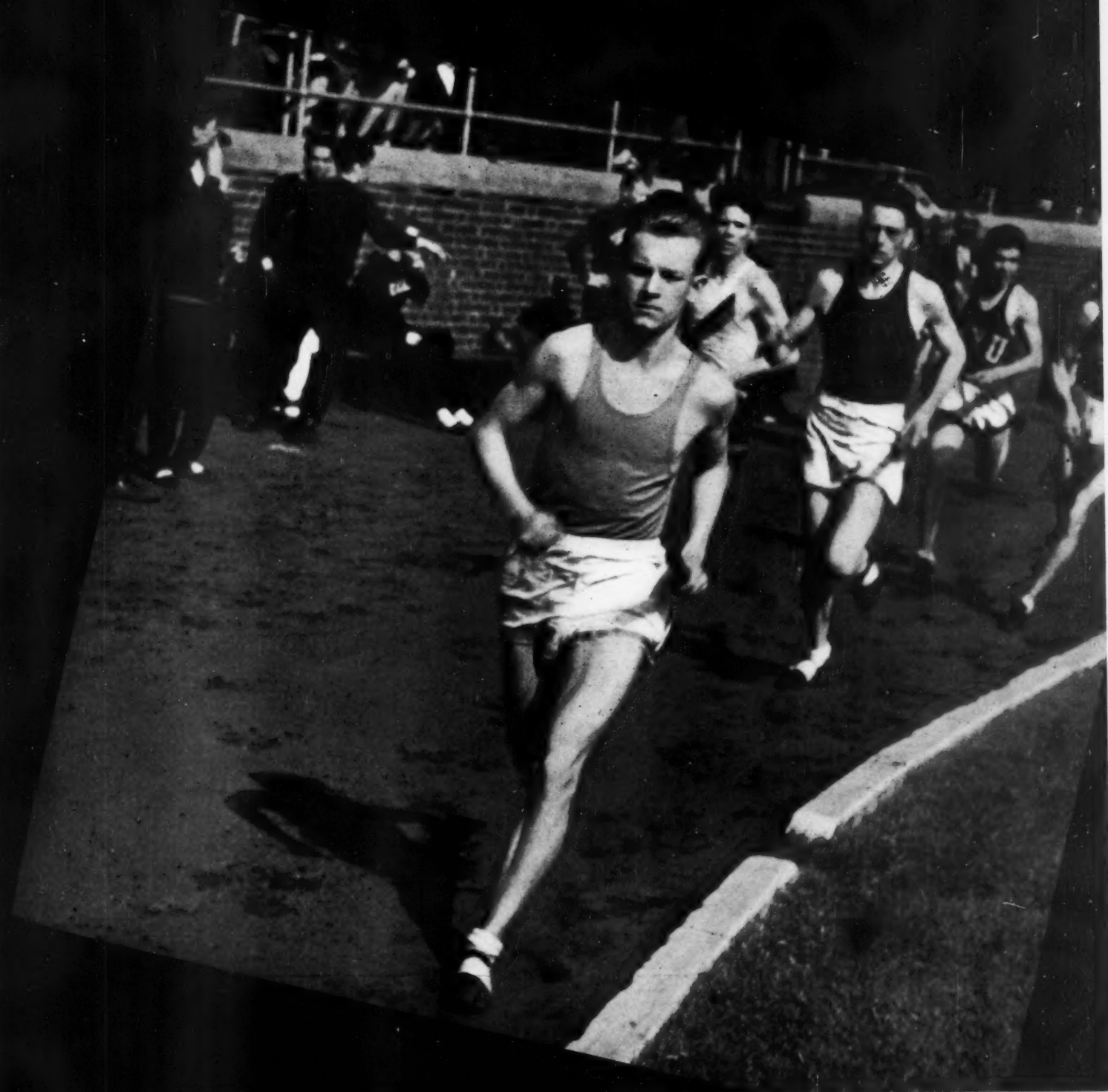


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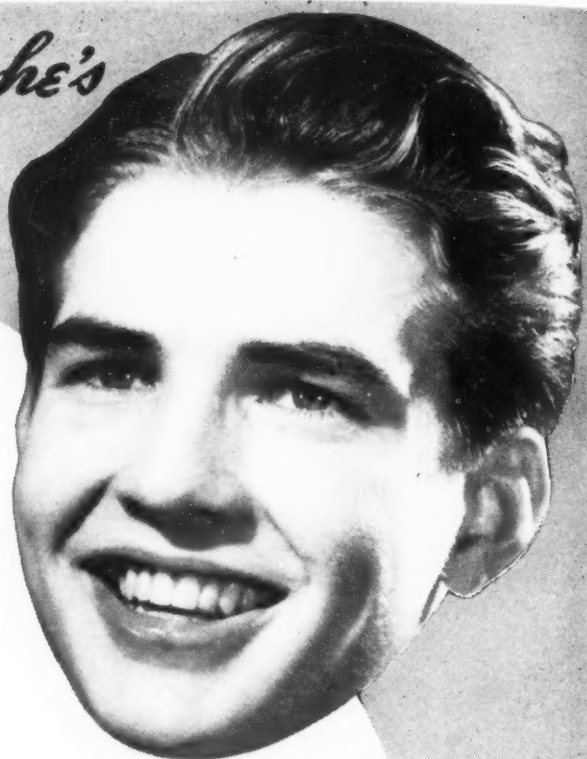
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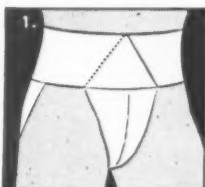
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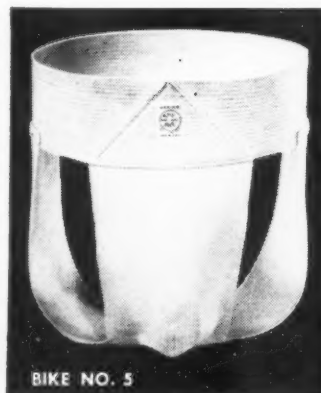


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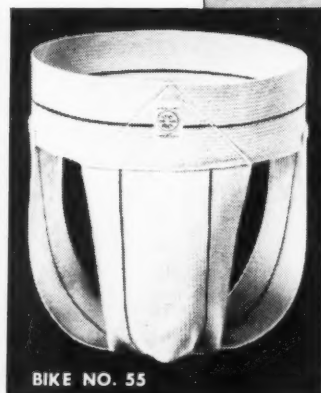


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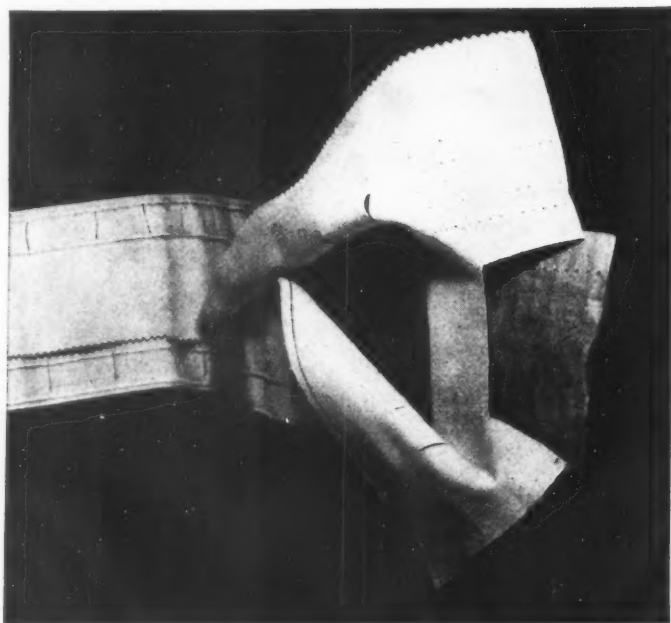


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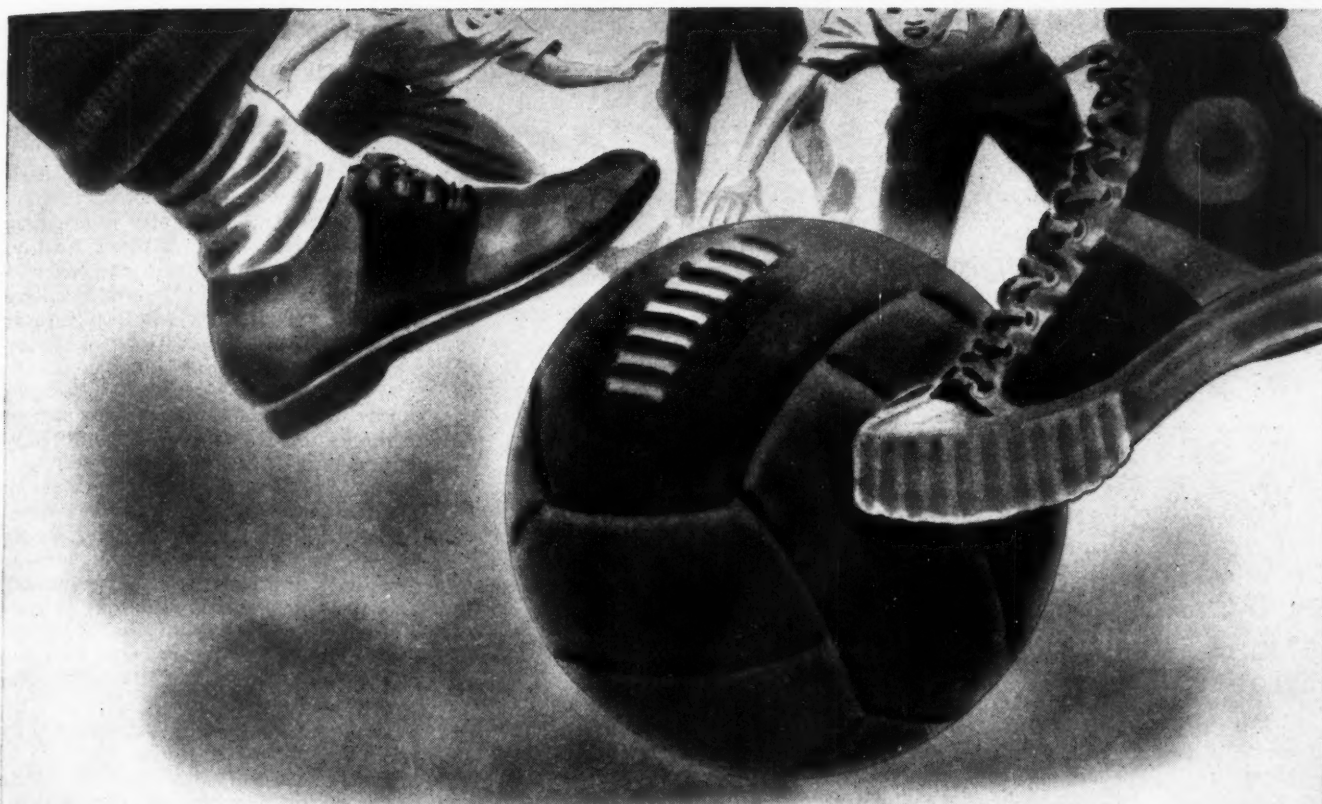
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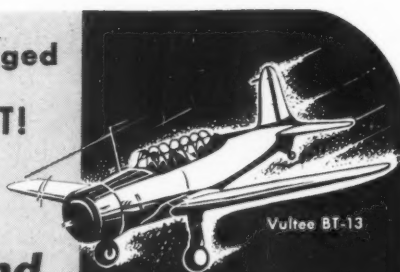
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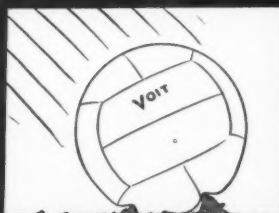
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THE PHYSIOLOGY OF ATHLETICS

VI Sleep

THE youth who is attending high school or college and participating in athletics is usually a creature of extremes. He eats his meals hastily. He worries about his classwork and his standing on the team. He may have to work to pay his expenses at school. To these taxations, he may add inordinate social obligations.

The intensity of such activity taxes the resources of the nervous system to the extent that sleep offers the only sure means of recuperation.

The amount of sleep required by the scholastic athlete depends entirely on the individual; the determining factors being his age, daily activity, physical and mental development, and personal peculiarities. It is possible for an individual to obtain too much sleep. Temperance in sleeping is just as essential as temperance in eating and other habits of life.

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Normal and refreshing sleep is favored by moderate fatigue, reduction of sensory stimuli, slowing down of thought processes, and lessening the flow of blood through the brain.

Athletes should be taught a healthy sleep habit founded on the following principles:

1. Arise at a regular hour, regardless of early morning fatigue.
2. Stay awake all day.
3. Determine the number of hours of sleep usually required to produce a feeling of absolute rest upon awakening. Calculate the hour of retirement accordingly. Establish the habit of retiring regularly at this hour.
4. As you undress for bed, shed your worries with your clothes. Go to bed to relax, rest and sleep.
5. Have sleeping room dark, well ventilated and as quiet as possible. If you cannot escape noise, make up your mind to become adjusted to it.
6. If nervous excitation is marked or physical fatigue unusual, take a tepid bath before retiring.
7. Avoid eating or drinking too much before retiring.

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COACHES who took our "Baseball Quiz" two months ago would do well to fish out their papers and recheck question 18. Bernard A. "Barney" Friberg, the eagle-eyed ex-major league infielder who now coaches at the Saugus, Mass., High School, credits us with a fumble on the answer.

With a runner on first and none out, the reader was asked to give four ways of making a double play on an infield fly to the second baseman. In the answer, each possibility was predicated on the dropping of the ball.

Two years ago this would have been considered smart baseball. But as Friberg pointed out, a new rule nullifies the play. Under Rule 49, Section 2 (a), the umpire must treat an intentionally dropped fly or liner as a regular catch.

In full justice to Jack Coombs, the astute Duke University coach who prepares these quizzes, we add that he was not caught napping on the play. By the phrase, "drop the ball," in his answer to the question, he really implied "let the ball drop"; that is, either let the ball hit the ground or make a pick-up of it. Either play constitutes a legal trap. His undergraduate experts, to whom he gives these quizzes every year, were marked accordingly.

The new basketball rules

JUDGING from the latest changes in the basketball code (see page 36), the rules makers apparently are content with the game as it now stands. Outside of the usual surgery on the three-second rule (the latest modification will free the outer half of the free-throw circle to unrestricted occupancy by the pivot man), little change was wrought in the actual playing code.

From now on, we think, the National Basketball Committee will bend most of their efforts towards the standardization of equipment. The game could certainly be improved by standardizing one style and shape of banking board; one official ball; one kind of basket; and, if possible, a floor of one size.

The first move in this direction was the recommendation for universal use of the fan-shaped backboard and the molded ball, with a view to making them official.

Although these items of equipment are already being widely adopted, the recommendation disturbed at least one group of prominent basketball men—the National Association of (College) Coaches. This body, at their annual conclave this year, went on record as favoring the adoption of the six-by-four

foot rectangular bank and the laceless, stitched-seam ball.

The committee had no choice but to turn these recommendations down. The bank and the ball of their choice represent the best years of the Research Committee's life. For years these scientifically-minded men have studied and experimented on ways of producing the best possible equipment at the lowest possible cost. The fan-shaped bank and the molded ball are the realization of this dream.

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That the country's high school men are solidly behind the fan-shaped bank and the molded ball may be gathered from the reports of the national high school basketball tournaments (page 40).

War of nerves

NEW YORK of late has been serving as a battleground for a tragi-comic feud between the state high school athletic association and New York City's powerful Public School Athletic League.

The P.S.A.L., which controls the athletic fortunes of over 80 secondary schools, would obey the spirit rather than the letter of certain state restrictions, but the state group remains adamant. They've drafted a code for a safe and sane interscholastic athletic program and they're sticking by their guns—maybe a little too closely. As a result there exists between parent group and scion a beautiful misunderstanding.

After several skirmishes during

the past two years, the two groups really came to pistol points last month; when, for divers reasons, the state group barred the city high schools from participating in the University of Pennsylvania Relays.

Fed fuel by the local newspapers, the controversy became a cause celebre. In Albany, the state capital, Senator Seymour Halpern whipped up a bill which would have taken the control of interscholastic sports out of the hands of the big, bad state group and turned it over to the local boards.

In presenting his bill to the State Senate, Senator Halpern floored every good physical educator in the house with the amazing statement that the present policy of the state group—which could be any state association policy, since the New York body is a representative group—"will result eventually in wiping out completely all varsity competition."

Among the corrosive agents of the state policy, he mentioned the limitation of the football season to seven games, the prohibition of post season and intersectional games, and other universally-accepted restrictions. An out-of-state athletic administrator, wandering into the house, would probably have had a tough time telling whether Senator Halpern was fighting or defending state autonomy. In any light, despite the Senator's fiery polemics, the bill was defeated.

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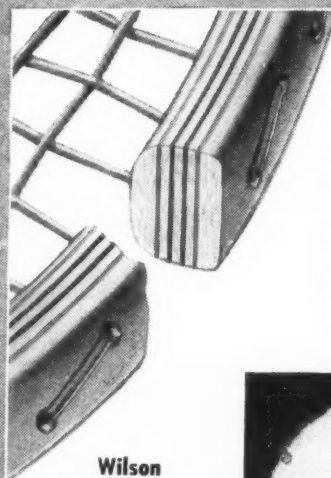
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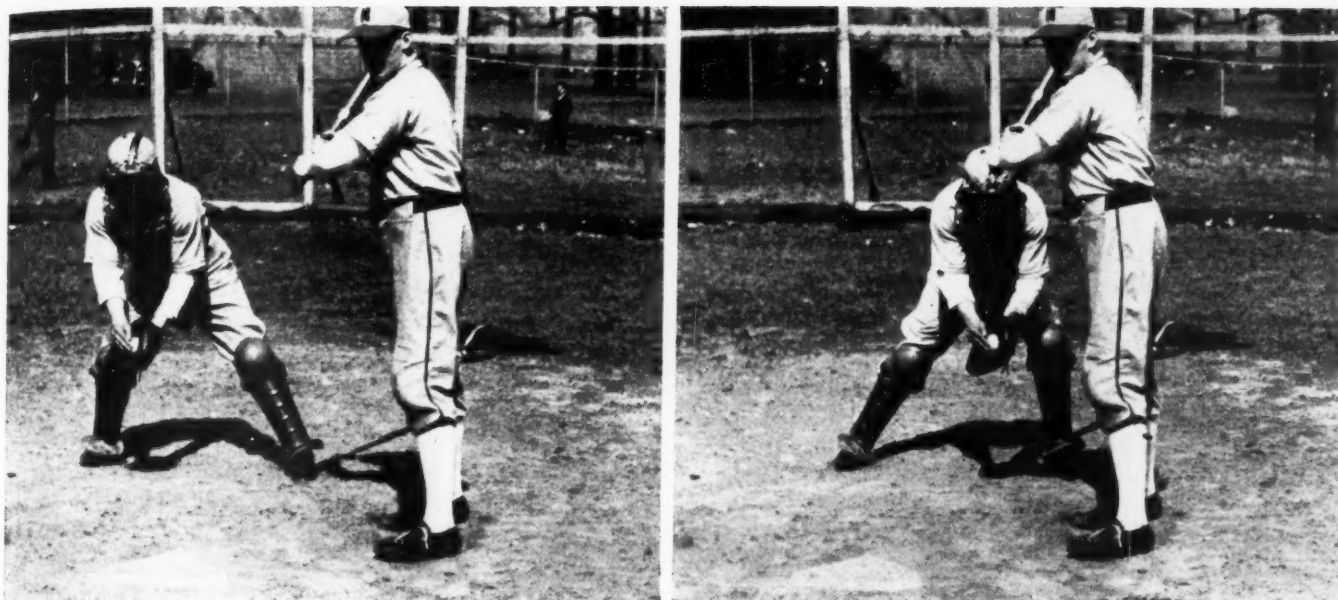
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FOOTWORK AROUND THE BASES

By Al Mamaux

Al Mamaux, baseball coach at Seton Hall College, is well qualified to write on any phase of the national pastime. After ten great years as a major league pitcher (Pittsburgh and Brooklyn), he went over to the International League as playing-manager of the Newark Bears. Under his leadership the Bears won successive pennants in 1932 and '33. Mr. Mamaux has contributed two previous articles to *Scholastic Coach*: "It's the Old Confidence That Does It" in May 1939, and "What It Takes to Make a Pitcher" last month.

MAJOR league players purchase the best in baseball footwear. They pay from \$15 to \$22.50 a pair and use two or three pairs a season. To the layman this may seem like a lavish disbursement. The cognoscenti, however, recognize this as an essential investment.

The player buys the best because footwork is one of the most important parts of the game. Nearly every move the player makes entails the use of the legs. Batting, running, sliding, fielding, throwing, pivoting—all require adroit manipulation of the limbs.

Players with poor control of their pedal extremities linger briefly in organized ball. Just as boxers are sometimes knocked out because of slipshod footwork, so are baseball players with poor footwork often knocked off their feet and out of plays.

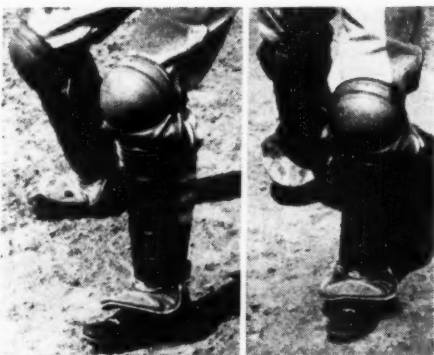
The feet and the legs actually determine the proper equilibrium of the body in the execution of rapid single outs and double plays, which involves throws from various angles.

The infielder stands in a crouched position with the feet spread about 16 to 18 inches apart, the legs bent at the knees and the toes pointing toward the batter. The weight is on the balls of the feet.

If the ball is hit to the right of the fielder and it is necessary to go in for it, the first step is made with the left foot. If the ball is hit in the front of the fielder and to his left, the first step is with the right foot.

The principle is reversed on fly balls. On flies in back of the fielder and to his left, the first step is taken with the left foot. On flies to the right and back, the fielder goes back with his right foot leading.

One can readily surmise from these fielding fundamentals how important footwork really is. In catching, for example, proper footwork is indispensable in receiving, throwing and fielding.



RECOMMENDED STANCE for young catchers (left), with the feet comfortably spread and the right toe on line with the left instep. In throwing the catcher points his toe at the target.

A good throwing arm is no guaranty against stealing. There are many catchers with good throwing arms on whom the opposition can run wild. Poor footwork is the answer. The receiver's inability to shift feet on pitches to the right or left of the plate results in many stolen bases and passed balls.

The catcher should learn to shift his feet so that his body is in front of every pitched ball. Young catchers derive much more from the potentialities of body balance and weight shift when they take a stance with the left foot slightly in front of the right than when they keep their toes on a line. The catcher's feet should be comfortably spread with the right toe parallel with the left instep and the weight on the balls of the feet.

On pitches that are wide, the catcher should step to the side on which the ball is delivered. Hence, to get in front of a ball pitched to his right, he steps to that side with his right foot. On wide pitches to his left, he steps with his left foot.

Perhaps the most difficult mechanic involved in throwing quickly is the ability to shift in front of a pitched ball and at the same time maneuver the body into throwing position. The catcher is in a position to throw when he does not have to shift for the pitch or when he has to shift to the right, since the weight must be transferred to the right foot anyway. When the pitch is to the left, however, he must shift the weight with a hop.



On all throws the toe of the left foot points to the objective.

There are two types of footwork for plays at the plate, depending on whether the play is a force or a tag. On force plays, the catcher departs himself more or less like a first baseman. He steps in front of the plate and determines the direction of the throw before tagging up. On throws to his right, for example, he steps sideward with the right foot and tags up with the left.

A different sort of footwork is employed when the runner must be tagged. I recommend a position in front of the plate about a foot toward third base. With the catcher in this position, the runner coming home must make a perfect slide.

Others prefer their catchers to face the thrower. If the throw comes from the right-field side of second base, the catcher stands on the third-base side of the plate just over the base line in foul territory. When the throw is coming from the other side of the keystone sack, the catch-

SECOND BASEMAN pivoting on double play: The right-foot method is shown on the left, with the baseman hitting the bag with his right foot, then stepping to the inside of the diamond with his left. On the right the baseman hits the bag with his left foot, steps outside with his right and then toward first with his left.

er's play is made from the other side of the plate in *fair* territory.

Perhaps no player of any position in any sport has the opportunity and the relative length of time to attend to his footwork as does the first baseman in baseball. Yet the failure of many first sackers to shift their feet properly has led to serious spike injuries and a general weakening of the defense.

When the ball is hit to one of the other infielders, the first baseman runs to a position just in front of the bag and faces the direction from which the throw is likely to come. This is a safe stance. Most young players straddle the bag and thus cannot shift their feet in time to snare throws to their right or left.

As the baseman catches the ball, he slips either foot back and touches the bag without looking at it. On balls thrown to his right, he shifts from his preliminary position to the right-field side of the bag, tagging up with the toe of his left foot. On throws to his left, he shifts to the infield side of the bag with his right toe tagging up.

If the throw is in front of the base, the right-handed first baseman extends his left foot and keeps the right foot on the bag. The left-

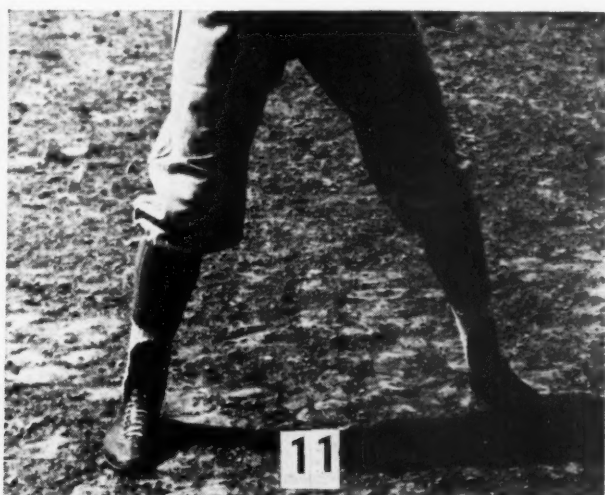
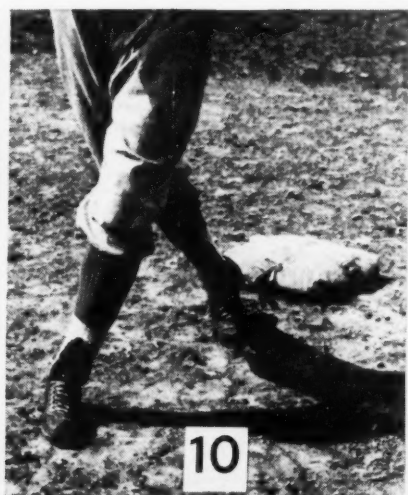


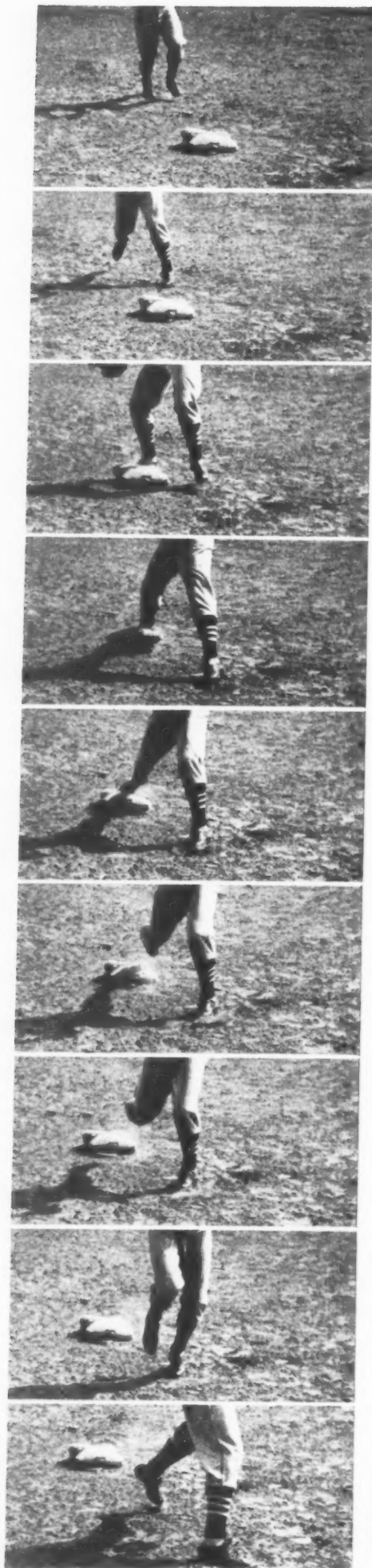


FOOT BY FOOT

On this page are illustrated several of the more basic foot positions in the infield. Pictures 1 through 5 show the normal footwork of the first baseman: "finding" the bag preparatory to shifting for the throw (No. 1), shifting to his right (No. 2), shifting to his left (No. 3), stretching for a straight throw, right hander (No. 4), the same stretch, left hander (No. 5).

No. 6 illustrates the correct way of covering third base on throws in line with the runner. On pick-off pegs from the catcher, the third baseman covers the sack as shown in No. 7. No. 8 shows the way Coach Mamaux likes his second baseman to cover the bag on attempted steals. As you will note, the baseman makes his play from in front of the bag. The last three pictures show the first baseman moving into fielding position after holding a runner on base.





handed baseman reverses the procedure, stretching forward on the right foot and keeping the left foot on the bag.

The footwork of the first baseman with men on base might well be considered here. With a man on first, the baseman straddles the point of the bag nearest the pitcher. Thus, when the ball is thrown to him by the pitcher, all he need do to complete the tag is to drop his glove to the ground.

When the pitcher throws to the plate, the first baseman takes two or three steps toward second base. The first step is made with the left foot. On bunts, of course, he goes in toward the plate.

Going from first to second base, the coach finds his work cut out for him. Being the most important base in the infield, I spend a great deal of time teaching my shortstop and second baseman the execution of double plays. The progressive action pictures show the shifts or pivots I have found easiest to teach and which give me the best results.

SHORTSTOP pivoting for two: On the left the baseman hits the corner of the bag with his right foot and steps toward first with the left. Inasmuch as he winds up in the base line, this position is advisable only when the runner is late coming into the bag. The best method of pivoting is shown on the right. The throw has been received slightly to the third-base side of the bag. The baseman hits the base with his left foot, steps to the inside of the diamond with his right and toward first with his left.

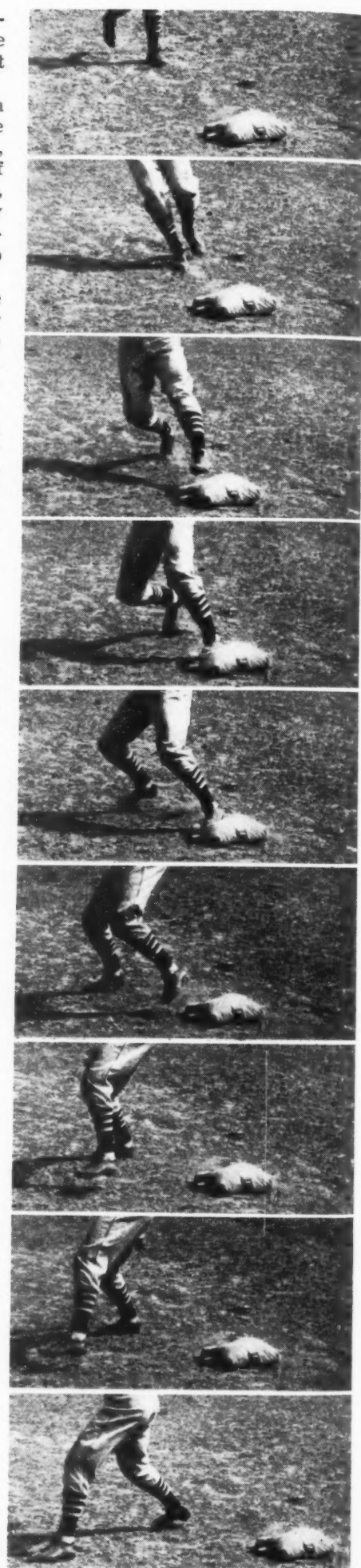
Being the pivot man in a double play may be easy or tough for the second baseman. It's a cinch for the runner to break it up if the second baseman fails to go through properly with his part of the work. One way of pivoting is to catch the ball as you step on the base with the left foot, then push with this foot to the outfield side of the base and complete the throw to first.

In another method I teach at Seton Hall, the second baseman steps on the base with his right foot at the same time he catches the ball. He then steps into the diamond with his left foot and completes the play.

In both these methods the runner seldom interferes with the throw, as the second baseman is out of the base line.

The shortstop also has several ways of pivoting for double plays. If the throw is caught on the third-base side of the bag, he steps on the bag with the left foot; then steps to the inside of the bag with his right foot and toward first with the left to throw.

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Left: The legal stance, with both feet on the rubber and the ball held in both hands in full sight of the batter.

Center: The pitcher is allowed one step. The other foot must remain in contact with the rubber until ball is released.

Right: By crooking his arm, the pitcher makes sure he delivers the ball with the proper motion and follow through.



SOFTBALL'S SPECIALIZED SKILLS

By Gene Martin

Gene Martin, basketball and baseball coach at the Newark, N. J., Preparatory School, is Eastern vice-president of the Amateur Softball Association.

FOR a sport that has just cut its eyeteeth, softball is doing amazingly well these days. Baseball may be the national pastime, but softball is the strapping kid brother who threatens to outgrow the big fellow. It is the new American fever, the sport and fun of nearly a half million teams and five million players.

Softball is baseball in all essential playing particulars. The diamond is there, the bases, the unpredictable thrills of pitcher versus batter and fielder versus ball.

The most obvious differences are that the field is smaller, the team consists of ten players instead of nine, the ball is fatter and overhand pitching is taboo. Nearly as obvious, and even more important in the spread of the game, is the factor of safety.

For the softball, though nearly three inches larger around than the compact baseball, is less than two ounces heavier and thus only three-fifths as dense. It travels fast but not so far; it is easier to judge and to field; it is less damaging when it caroms off a shin.

You would think from the size of the ball and the restrictions on the pitcher that softball would be a paradise for batters. But nothing could be further from the truth. The pitching distance is only 43 feet,

compared to baseball's 60½, and the speed and hooks pitchers attain are almost unbelievable.

Unfortunately, in many softball milieus, there is much illegal pitching in evidence. Most offenders do not break the law intentionally. They've just never taken the pains to study the rules. Despite some thought to the contrary, the pitching rules are simple and with a little study are self-explanatory.

How to pitch

The first concern of the pitcher is his stance on the rubber. The rule states that both feet must be in contact with the rubber. Many interpret this to mean that both feet should be close together. This is not the intended significance. The feet may be



AFTER RELEASING the ball, the pitcher may take his back foot off the rubber and deploy in any direction.

placed in any manner desired as long as some part of each foot maintains contact.

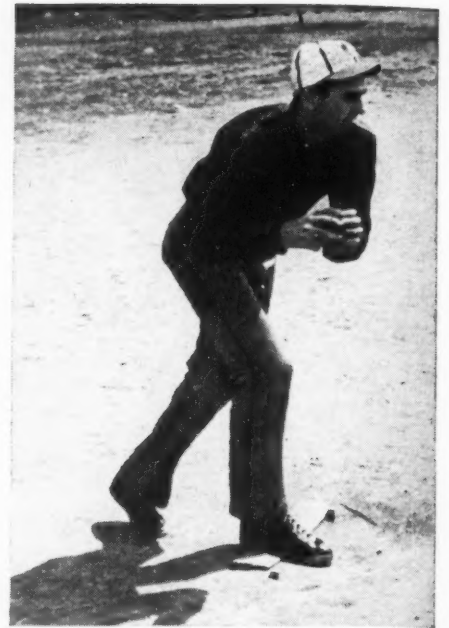
Most of the great pitchers use a semi-open stance, placing their feet in a comfortable position about eight to twelve inches apart. The stance affords the thrower maximum comfort and thus helps him with his control. Another advantage of this stance lies in the fact that it leaves the pitcher in the best possible fielding position at the finish of the pitch. A great pitcher is a fifth infielder, and thus a decidedly larger asset.

In connection with this it should be remembered that a pitcher can move in any direction he desires at the finish of his throw. Many coaches labor under the illusion that a pitcher cannot run forward or sideward. There is no such rule in the book.

After a pitcher has acquired the proper stance, the next step is the delivery itself. There are any number of styles, the most popular of which are the windmill or continuous rotation of the arm, the figure eight and the baseball windup. Style is something a good coach may develop by encouraging the player to practice until he acquires a natural groove.

Care should be taken that the pitcher does not make a backward step in the delivery, as this is illegal. The rule states that the step must be forward. Also that one foot must remain in contact with the rubber until the ball is released.

The wrist may not be outside the



ILLEGAL DELIVERIES: Each of these pictures represents a distinct violation of the pitching rule. In the first picture, the player is taking a stance with one foot off the rubber.

In the second, he is about to release the ball with the hand above the hip and the wrist farther from the body than the elbow. In the last picture, he has stepped back instead of in.

elbow. Most successful pitchers crook the arm slightly toward the hip.

The underhand or submarine pitch is illegal. Pitchers are always stumbling upon this delivery while working out new methods of increasing their effectiveness; only to have their pitch called illegal in a game. The pitch may violate the rule in several respects; the wrist may be outside the elbow or the pitcher may be using a snap and jerky release at the hip.

The rules call for a complete follow through, with the arm acting as a pendulum. The pitcher must present the ball to the batter before starting his delivery. The rule states that preliminary to pitching the pitcher must come to a full stop with both feet squarely on the ground and in contact with the rubber for a period of one second, with the ball held in both hands in full sight of the batter.

The writer has seen a number of excellent pitchers called on this.

It is also illegal for a pitcher to make any motion to pitch without immediately delivering the ball to the batsman. This prohibits the so-called "rocker" motion in which the pitcher, having the ball in both hands in pitching position, separates the hands and swings the arm back and forth one or more times. This does not mean, however, that a pitcher may not take a windup, as in the windmill delivery, in which he uses a continuous circular movement, even though the hand taken off the ball may again touch and travel with the ball in the course of the windup.

After learning the proper stance,

delivery and control, the pitcher may try for speed. The last will come with proper practice and attention to the fundamentals. A fast-ball pitcher with poor control is hardly an asset.

The writer at this time would like to correct the erroneous impression that the pitcher must have his or her palm up in delivering the ball. It is the twist or snap of the wrist that imparts stuff to the ball. Outcurves, incurves, drops or sinkers, riseballs and other variations are all obtained in this manner.

Everybody on the team should always know just what the next pitch will be so that they may organize their defense accordingly. Baseball



THE PITCHER is violating the rule here in failing to hold the ball in front of the body in full view of the batter.

strategy can usually be applied.

The short fielder in softball has a value that is often overlooked. When deployed wisely, this player becomes much more than a roving outfielder. The Briggs Mfg. Co. of Detroit, world's champions in 1937, and a great team every year, uses the short fielder as an additional infielder, playing him about ten to twenty feet back of second base.

Thus on bunts, attempted steals, hits through the box, and double plays, this man can cover second base, releasing the shortstop and second baseman for other pursuits. On bunts the shortstop covers third and the second baseman first. The pitcher, first and third are thus able to come in for bunts without exposing their flanks.

Short fielders have been known to throw out as many as ten men on clean hits through or over the pitcher. A fast man with a good arm is needed for this position, preferably one with infield experience.

Base running

Base running is another much neglected phase of the game. The hit-and-run and other inside plays have their place in softball just as in baseball. Every good team should have coaches on the base lines to flash signs for hit-and-runs, steals and other advanced base-running plays.

As base runners are forbidden to take leads, they should take a stance on the base that will afford the speediest possible getaway. The smart runner faces the next base. He keeps his right foot on the base and
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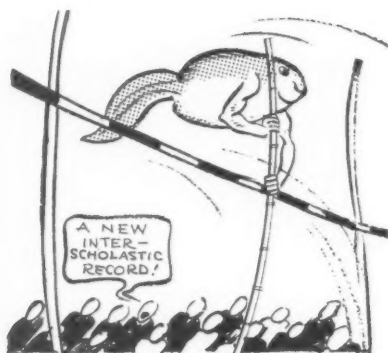
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The Young Squirt

This is the second of a series of articles on diet and other conditioning agents in athletics by Laurence E. Morehouse, of the department of physiology at the University of Iowa. The article, which deals with the beneficial effects of proper exercise and healthy living, is organized in outline form for the convenience of coaches and physical educators who would like to present the material, with their own elaborations, to their physical education and hygiene classes.

I. What is a Sea Squirt?

A. Youth. As a youth the sea squirt is a free-swimming animal somewhat similar to a tadpole. The young animal possesses a fairly well-developed backbone, gills and a nervous system. For some reason, early in its life cycle, it settles on the ocean bottom and attaches itself to an object by means of an adhesive disk located on its chin. The Squirt is then considered to have attained adulthood.

B. Adult. After the Sea Squirt has settled down, certain changes are noticed. The muscular tail which was formerly used in swimming has disappeared. The backbone and part of the nerve cord also have disappeared. Later on the paired eyes and ear structures are lost and the brain also degenerates.

The abdomen, however, becomes larger as the back shortens. The alimentary canal bends into a U-shape and the number of gill slits greatly increases. The animal then secretes a substance which hardens and covers him with a protective coating. With its siphons widely expanded it allows a current of water to pass into the oral and out of the atrial siphon, and in this effortless manner obtains its food and oxygen.

This process has transformed an active, respectable animal into a lazy, stationary, sac-like creature which is scarcely recognizable as an animal and is hardly more than a water bag.

II. How to be like the Sea Squirt.

A. Youth. As a baby an abundance of energy, a sensitivity of new surroundings and frequent handling for feeding and diaper changes as-

THE SEA SQUIRT

By Laurence E. Morehouse

Presenting an outline for an interesting allegorical lecture on the beneficial effects of exercise and healthful living.

sure the human of adequate stimuli for proper growth and development. As a child his almost incessant activity is a valuable asset to the healthy growth and development of his body. However, as the youth progresses in school, homework, longer school hours and shorter recesses reduce his opportunities for activity.

Making no use of recesses and after-school activities for functional stimulation, like the Sea Squirt he starts to settle on his chin. He rides whenever he gets a chance. He devotes his free hours to reading, listening to the radio and going to the movies. He would rather watch a sports contest than participate in one.

As he reaches adulthood, any exertion becomes a great effort and he begins to settle permanently on his chin.

B. Adult. As a result of settling down the Adult Human Squirt, who at one time was vigorous and well developed, acquires a faulty posture, weak and soft muscles, weak back, flabby abdominal muscles with a distended abdomen, contracted chest, round shoulders, and a shiftless attitude.

This overfed, underexercised, short-winded individual has a diminished vitality and is more susceptible to the perils of organic diseases and disturbances.

III. Effect of inactivity.

A. Classroom illustration. While sitting in the classroom certain normal functions and some organs are impaired. For example, the general inertness of the body and the pressure of the weight upon the buttocks interfere with the blood and lymph circulation in that region.

These fluids depend upon muscular movement for their transfer. If this circulation is not maintained, the food and oxygen needed for tissue growth and maintenance is withheld and the fatigue toxins and other waste materials are allowed to



The Old Squirt

accumulate in the tissues. It is only natural for the student to feel like standing once in a while and stretching.

B. Intermission. As a practical illustration of good health procedure, give the class a two-minute intermission during the middle of the period. During this time the boys may stand, shake and stretch their arms and legs. They may even indulge in a good yawn if they want to, as long as they keep their mouths covered and do not offend with theatrical groans.

After the intermission the class should return to their seats without fuss or noise. By a show of hands you may determine how many feel better and how many would like to continue the practice. This show of hands, of course, is merely a form of psychology. The average class of adolescents will welcome any break in classroom procedure. They should be warned that they will be given intermissions only as long as they keep order.

IV. How to avoid being an Adult Human Squirt.

A. Equipment. Almost everyone has the equipment to avoid being an Adult Human Squirt. This equipment may be divided into three main categories.

The first is physical form and structure. In a large measure these are determined by heredity, which defines the possible course and limits of development.

The second—physiologic development—requires graded and frequent use of organs. Through the use of organs, the capacity for activity is enlarged and a nicety of adjustment is obtained.

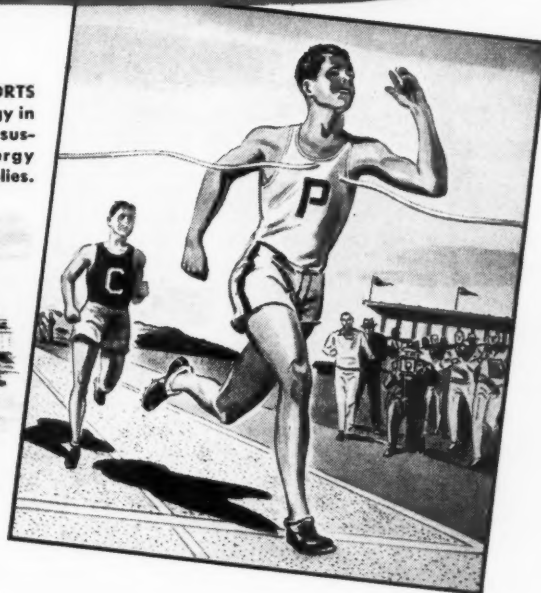
The third—the mind—is the master of the bodily machine; it too, acquires greater capacity and a better equilibrium and adjustment with graded and proper use.

As these three parts of the body are properly developed and maintained
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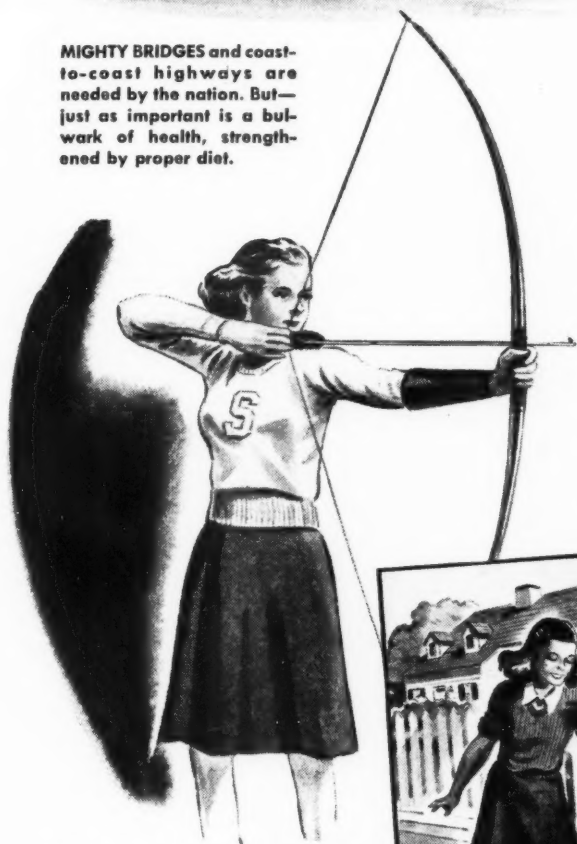
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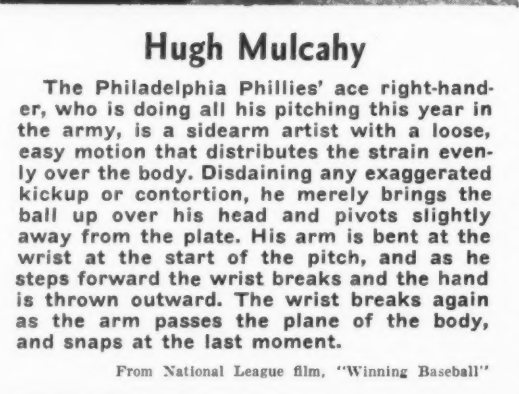
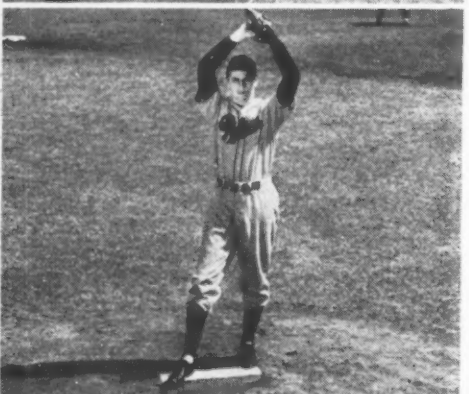


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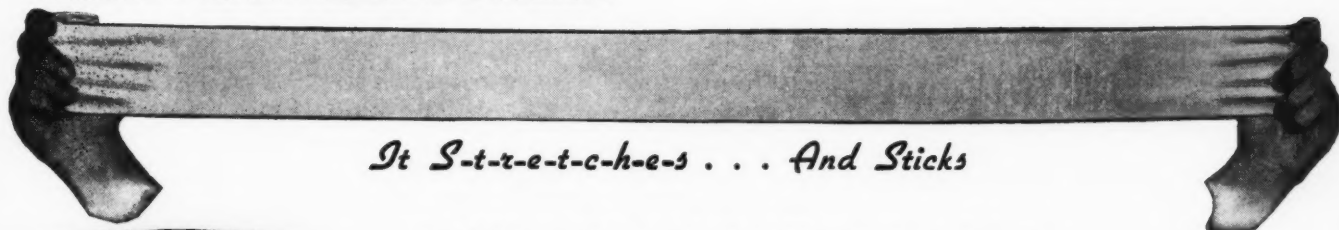
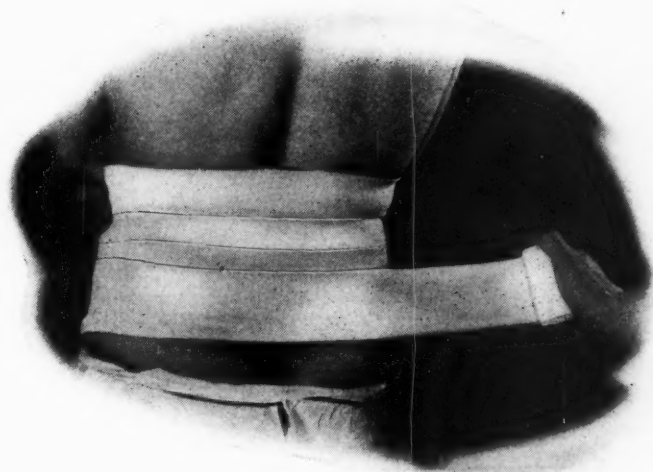
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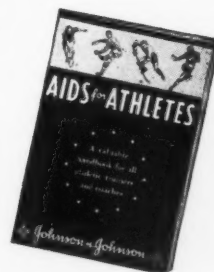


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VOLLEYING ANGLES IN THE FORE-COURT

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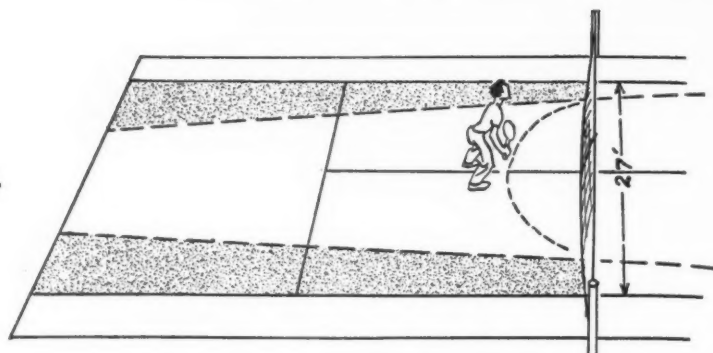
John A. Kraft, Jr., author of "Science and Mechanics of Lawn Tennis" and coach of the Junior Davis Cuppers in 1939, is now a tennis instructor in Memphis, Tenn.

FROM a game of deep, forceful driving, tennis has progressed into a much faster game of accuracy and angles. Winning tennis today is played both in the neighborhood of the baseline and inside the service court. It is the game of drive and volley; a game predicated on strong ground strokes and given authority by the player's command of the net.

The drive, of course, must be the main factor of a winning game, but without the volley, the full fruits of its strength cannot be harvested. Valuable power is wasted, openings sacrificed and much energy wasted.

Going to the net after a forcing drive entails certain risks, but if the attacker has the equipment, there is more risk to the opponent. Deployed

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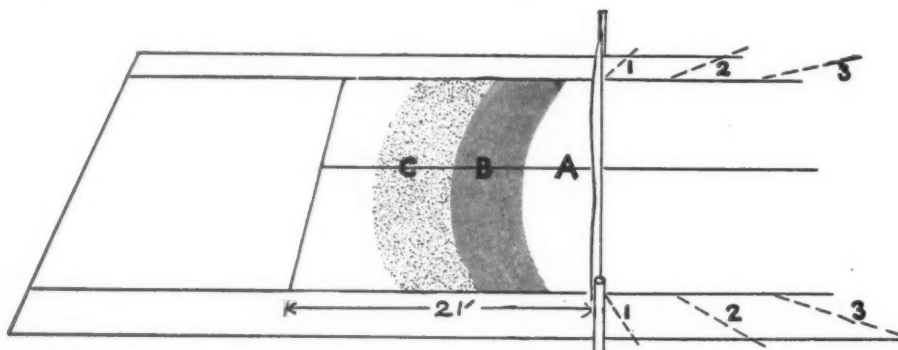


from getting in close. By keeping constantly prepared to check his momentum the instant the opponent discloses his intent to lob, the attacker will have time to get back under the ball.

There are players who are exceptionally clever in camouflaging their strokes and getting just the necessary height and depth, but as long as the aggressor keeps mentally and physically alert he should rarely be trapped.

By standing close to the net, a player is able to reduce his number of errors and obtain a maximum range of stroking angles to all parts of the court. The possible stroking angles are shown in **Illus. 2**.

Standing in the area marked A, balls struck by the netman must travel a scant two or three feet before crossing the net and entering the opponent's court. Thus the player has almost a 180-degree angle of placement, as indicated by the dotted lines marked 1. In area B the returns must carry farther, thus limiting the sphere of placement to the angles numbered 2. From C the netman will be forced to volley defensively and has even less angle range for his returns.



ILLUS. 2

at the center of the net, the attacker is able to cover almost the entire court.

The lob and the drive provide the back-court player with his only recognized offensives. **Illus. 1** shows the great possibility of error in a passing shot. A successful shot must pass within the shaded areas, as the netman can cover the rest of the territory. When you remember that the space between the inside alley lines is but 27 feet and that the player can cover about 24 of these feet, it is easy to understand why the passing shot is such a gamble.

The lob, in the hands of an expert technician, is a strong weapon against forecourt players. Requiring less accuracy than the passing shot, it may be used to force the attacker from his net position.

Fear of this weapon, however, should not discourage the attacker

When compelled to abandon his net position, he should attempt to place his overhead deep enough to force another lob and then return to the net for a final placement.

Since the net game is an aggressive adjunct of the offense, balls played in the advanced court should be hit decisively and not merely kept in play.

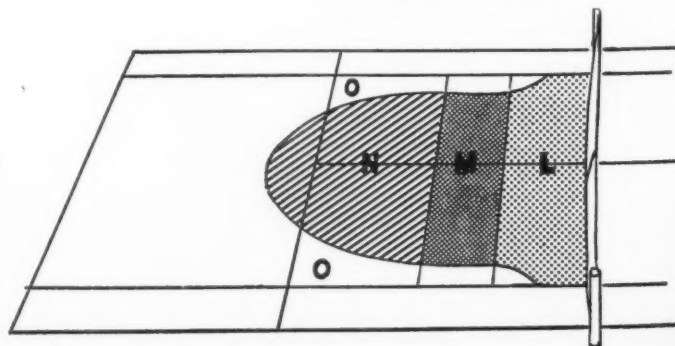
Making the volley

In making a low net volley, the player should try to flex his body with the drop of the ball and gain a position in back and almost beneath it. The weight and firmness of the body will assist in counteracting the speed of the opponent's drives. Were these drives to be handled with only the support of the wrist, the task of returning such balls would be almost impossible.

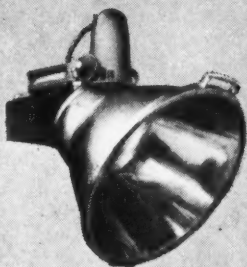
In contacting the ball, the netman should strive to keep his body at right angles to the net. When the speed of play renders the pivot im-

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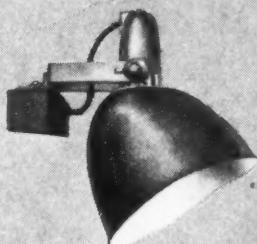
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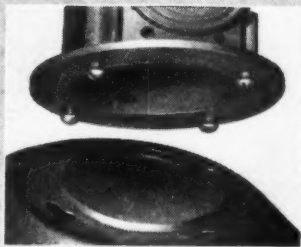


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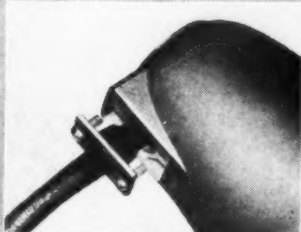


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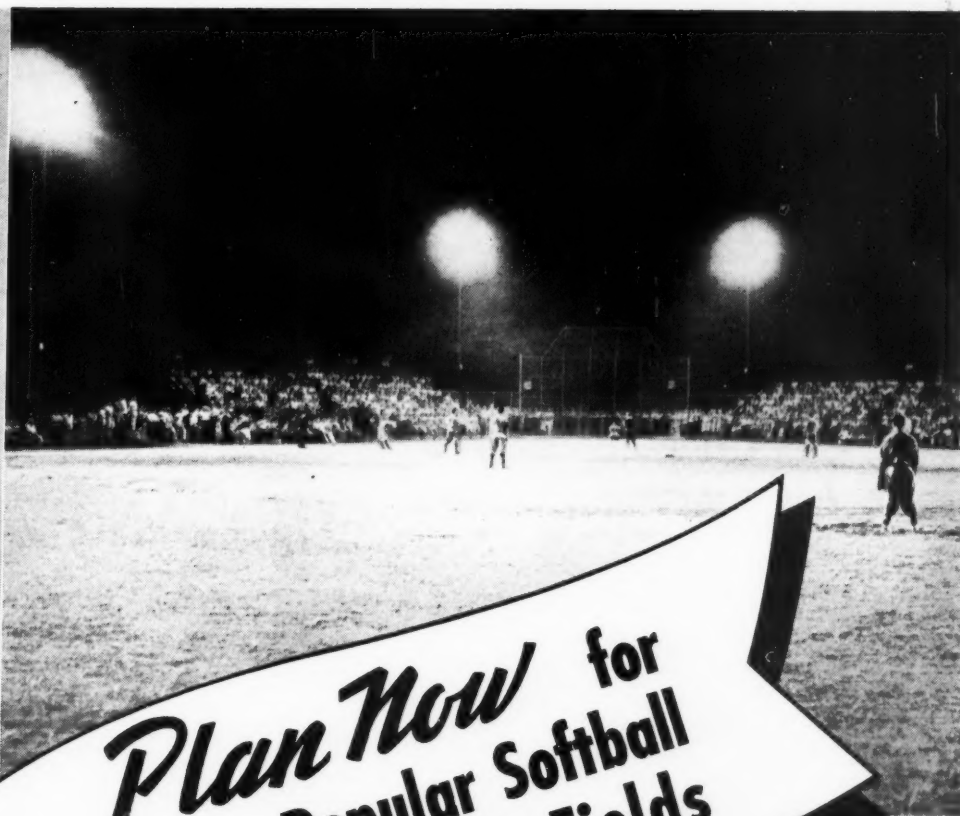
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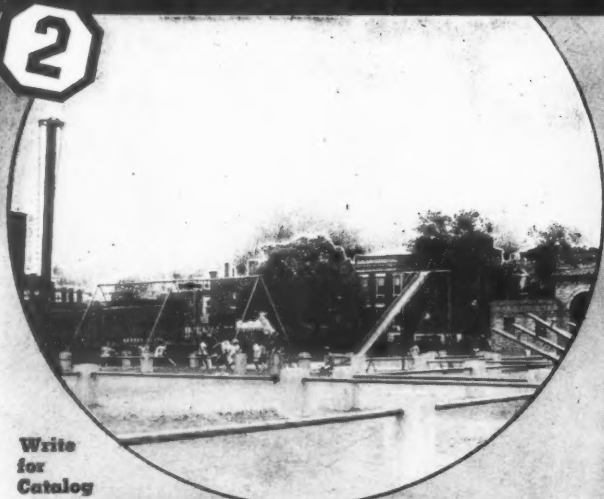
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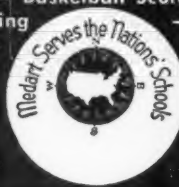
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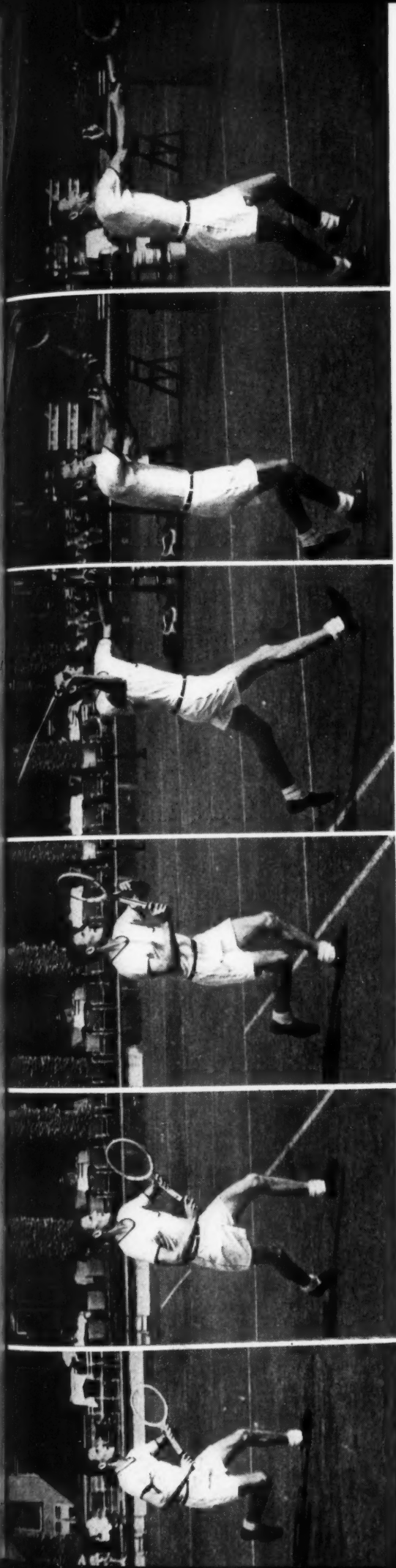
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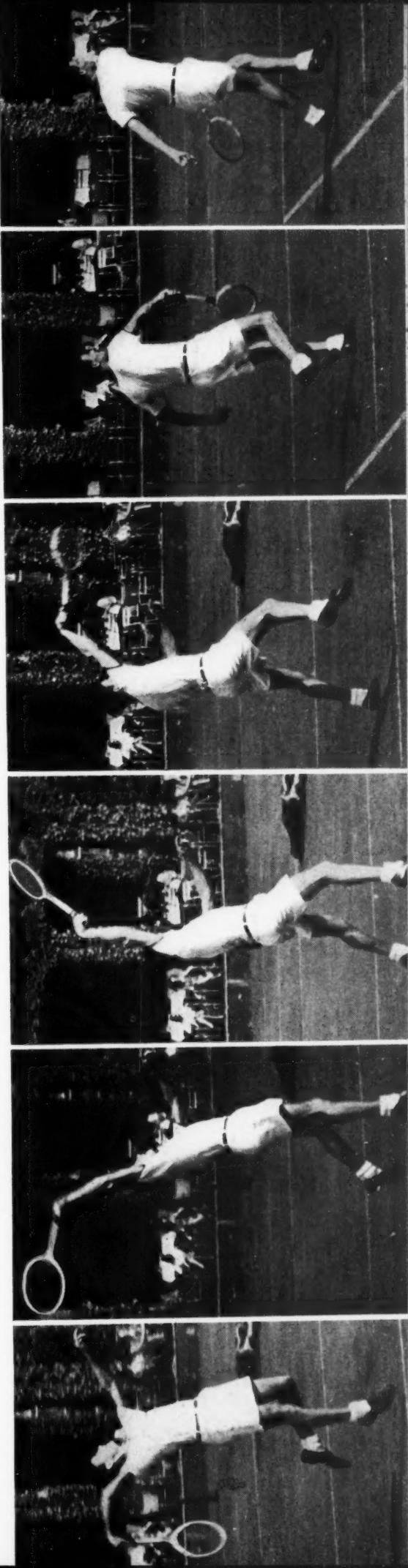




THE fine coordination and timing that trademarks the accomplished overhead game is very much in evidence in these action shots of Ted Schroeder, co-holder of the national doubles championship. In the top strip, Schroeder is making a put-away shot. After working his opponent into a poor defensive position, he has followed a forcing drive into the net. The opponent's best is a feeble floater; which the lank Californian promptly puts away. He times his approach neatly; gauging his stride and readying his racket at the same time. He meets the ball well out in front, off his right foot, and puts it away with a flat, angled

shot. The overhead smash (below) differs little from the serve. Instead of tossing the ball up himself, Schroeder deals with a lob that has been lofted over his head. To establish contact at the top of the swing, he leaps into the air off his right foot. The ball is met beautifully (somewhere between the second and third pictures) at the top of his reach and slightly in front of the body. From the extreme angle of the wrist in the third picture, it is clear that Schroeder is putting exceptional slice on the ball. The racket head comes around the outside of the ball and hits across toward the left and down, imparting side-spin.

THE OVERHEAD GAME



EIGHTEEN HOLES WITH THE BEGINNER

By Hugh Ward

Some of the more common mistakes of the young golfer in his first few times on the course

This is the second of a series of three articles on the proper use of the clubs in golf by Hugh Ward, well-known golfing instructor. Mr. Ward is well qualified to write on the subject, having served as pro at three famous Eastern country clubs—Apawamis, Greenwich and Fresh Meadow—and conducted adult group classes at East Orange, N. J. At present he is golf coach at the Poly Prep Country Day School in New York City.

AS WE STATED last month the purpose of this instructional unit is to point out some of the more common mistakes of the average young golfer in his first few times on the course.

To make this as practical as possible, the writer is projecting a story about an imaginary round of golf with an average beginner as the central character. The writer follows him around, observing errors of judgment as they occur. A stroke-by-stroke map of the round complements the text.

Last month's installment covered the first six holes of the round. We pick the beginner up at the seventh hole.

SEVENTH HOLE: This 412-yard hole is a slight dog leg to the left, guarded on the left side by woods, which catch hooks, and on the right by traps and heavy rough. The fairway is undulating.

The player sliced his drive about 160 yards, but luckily it came to rest on the edge of the fairway on a sidehill. On his second stroke he made a typical beginner's mistake. Although he was standing at least a foot below the ball, he gripped his spoon at the end and took a full swing. As a result, he lost his balance and hit in back of the ball.

The experienced golfer would have "choked" up on his club (see



On sidehill lies with the ball above the feet, it pays to "choke" up on the club.



INVETERATE SLICERS may trace their trouble to a faulty stance. As on the left they may be standing too far away from the ball. Right: the correct address.

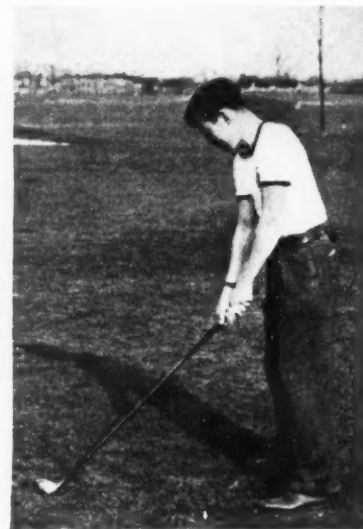


illustration) and taken a low back swing.

EIGHTH HOLE: A 435 yard hole, this is one of the longest par fours on the course. The fairway breaks sharply from left to right all the way to the 300-yard marker. A smart golfer will take advantage of this break and play his ball to the left, to get the benefit of the roll.

The player again sliced his drive; the ball caught the sidehill and rolled about 180 yards. The reason for his prolific slicing is shown in the above illustration.

For his second stroke, out of the rough, he used a spoon. His judgment was good, as he had a fine lie; the rough being cut very close and the ball being nicely set up. He hit a beauty down to within fifty yards of the green.

His third stroke was well played. He used a niblick for a nice pitch onto the green. So far this has been his best hole.

NINTH HOLE: This is the shortest hole on the course, being about 140 yards long. The tee and the green are both elevated, with the green completely surrounded by deep traps and sloping away from the left down to a deep ravine.

The player's tee shot was hit straight at the flag but, much to his surprise, the ball fell short into a deep trap in front of the green. His mistake had been in neglecting to make allowance for a wind blowing against him. He should have used a longer club than usual in this situation. However, on his second shot,

he recovered from the trap very nicely.

TENTH HOLE: The player started off ingloriously on this 385 yard hole by slicing his drive into a trap about 170 yards out. He had a fine lie in the trap and selected a No. 2 iron for his second shot; trying for distance. He failed to get the ball up quickly enough and thus hit into a bunker guarding the end of the trap.

In deep traps or in traps guarded by bunkers, it is not advisable to play for distance. The danger lies in failing to get a quick rise, and thus hitting the side of the trap. Only try for distance when the trap is shallow and you don't have to get the ball up too quickly. (See illustration on next page.)

ELEVENTH HOLE: This hole is 412



On uphill lies, it is advisable to stand closer to ball and use a low back swing.

yards long with the green set in a wood, which is guarded on the left and right front corners by high mounds and deep traps.

The player got away nicely with a 200 yard drive straight down the fairway. Intoxicated by his success, however, he lifted his head on the next shot and, as a result, topped his shot. One of the cardinal rules of golf is never take your eye off the ball before hitting it.

The player's third stroke came to rest on the side of the big mound or bunker that guards the green on the right. The player used a niblick, which was correct, but he played the stroke poorly. He picked the club up too sharply and dug in behind the ball. The experienced golfer would have used a flat stroke; or, in other words, followed the contour of the ground.

TWELFTH HOLE: While beautifully laid out, this is the second shortest hole on the course, being only 155 yards long. The tee is set deep



LEFT: The moral here is, never try for distance in traps with steep embankments. This player tried, failed to get a quick rise and wound up with a poor lie.

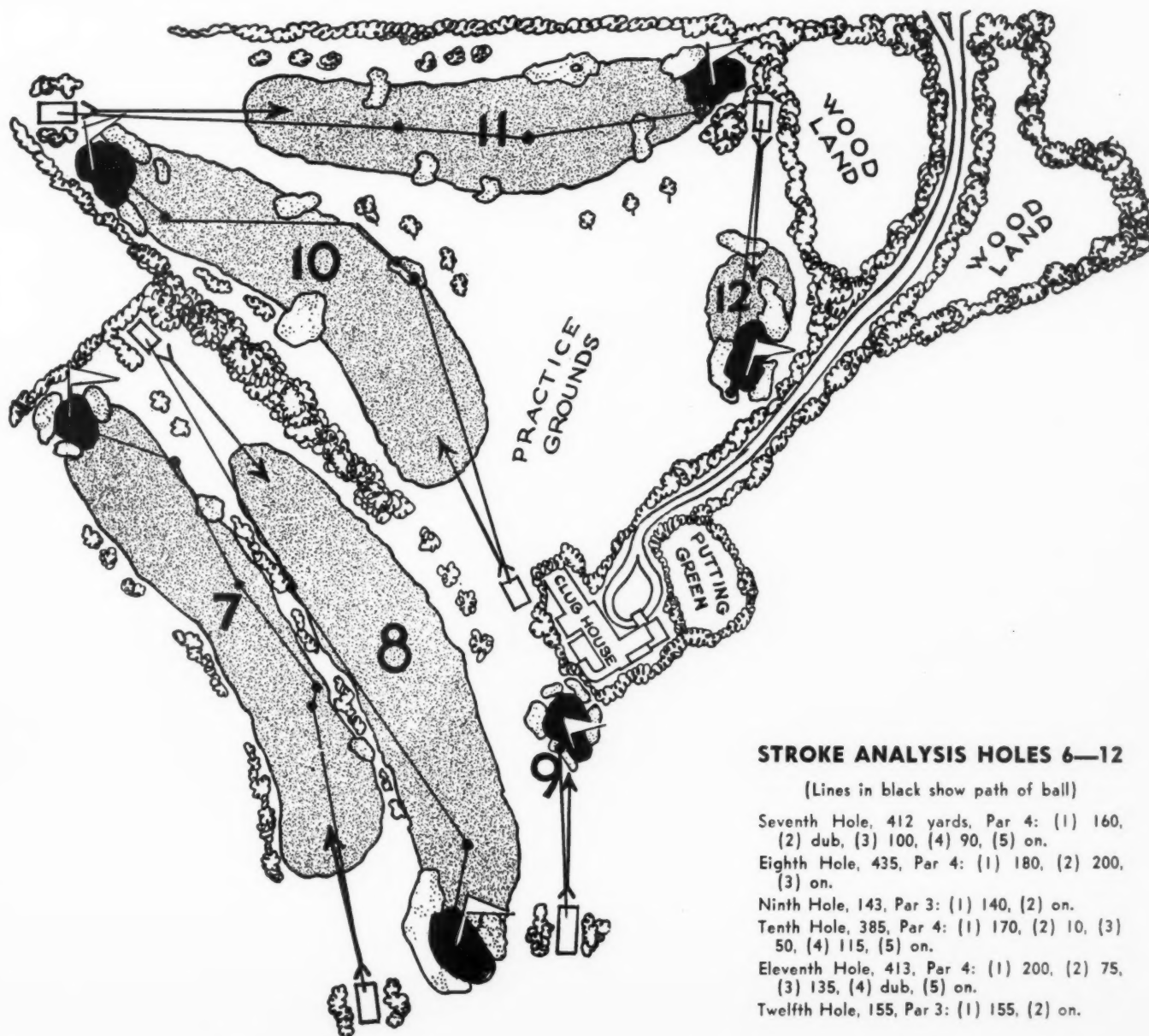


in the woods and the green is severely trapped, with traps around both sides and back. A deep trap and bunker about 20 yards in front of the green guards the approach.

For his tee shot, the player used a No. 4 iron. The ball was hit well but, to his dismay, it carried into

the trap at the back of the green. As on the eighth hole he had failed to take the wind into account which, this time, was directly in back of him. A more lofted club should thus have been used.

The final six holes of this round will be covered next month.



STROKE ANALYSIS HOLES 6—12

(Lines in black show path of ball)

Seventh Hole, 412 yards, Par 4: (1) 160, (2) dub, (3) 100, (4) 90, (5) on.

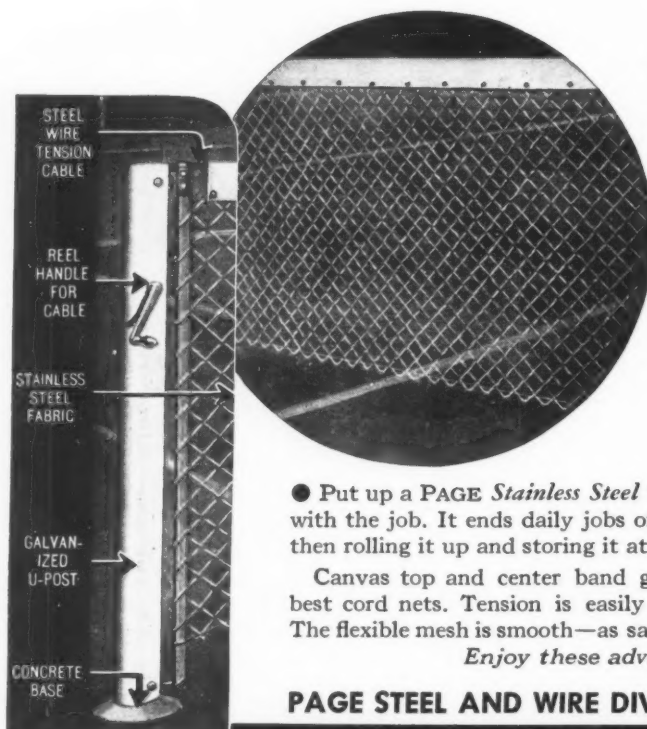
Eighth Hole, 435, Par 4: (1) 180, (2) 200, (3) on.

Ninth Hole, 143, Par 3: (1) 140, (2) on.

Tenth Hole, 385, Par 4: (1) 170, (2) 10, (3) 50, (4) 115, (5) on.

Eleventh Hole, 413, Par 4: (1) 200, (2) 75, (3) 135, (4) dub, (5) on.

Twelfth Hole, 155, Par 3: (1) 155, (2) on.



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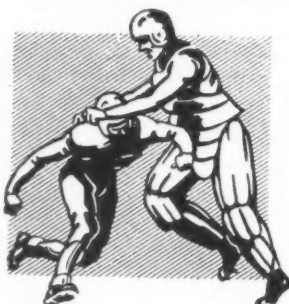
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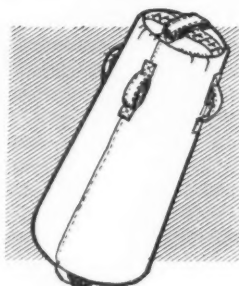
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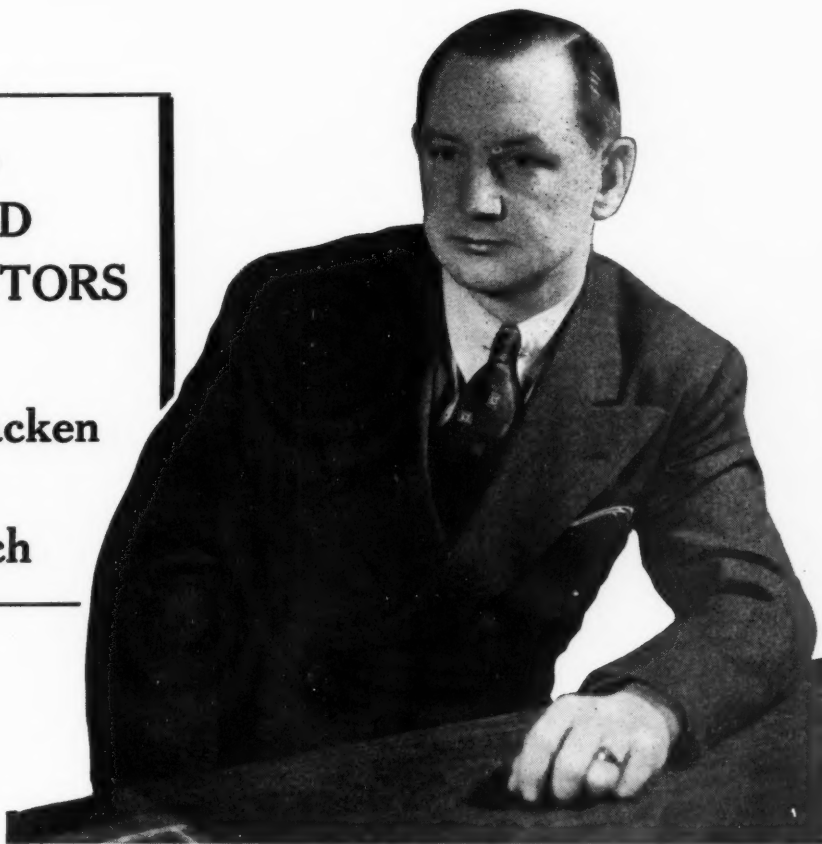
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TEAM GAMES FOR ALL

By Kent Pillsbury

Kent Pillsbury directs the physical education program at the Carl Curtis School of Physical Education in Los Angeles, Calif.

FAR too often the values of a perfectly sound sports activity are lost because the game as it stands is poorly adapted to the particular situation. Who, at one time or another, hasn't observed five or six boys trying to play a game intended for nine; or, conversely, twelve or thirteen boys cluttering up a field intended for only ten? Inactivity and unsatisfactory activity are the bane of every instructor's existence.

Physical education programs that would contribute to the complete education of the individual must be adapted to the local situation. Some of the factors which influence the local situation are facilities (including space and equipment), size of the class and instructional personnel.

Instructors should not hesitate to change the rules of a game if, by the change, enjoyment in the activity can be increased. Every game is the invention of someone, and the instructor may be able to improve upon it.

Following are a few variations of popular sports which may be played by special groups with all the gusto of the original games. The variations, while neither new nor the invention of the writer, are not widely known.

Cut-Throat Tennis: Three can play this game, each playing for himself against the other two. You may have seen this played on the handball court. Two men play the doubles court on one side, opposed by the third man in the singles area.

On completion of a game the players rotate. One of the doubles players goes over to the singles side while the singles man doubles up with the remaining player. On the next rotation the latter plays singles. As a rule the solo man should do all the serving.

The odd player defends only the singles part of his court; his opponents the doubles court. Otherwise the rules and playing procedure are as in the regular game. The score is kept individually, with only those games won by the singles player counted towards match victory.

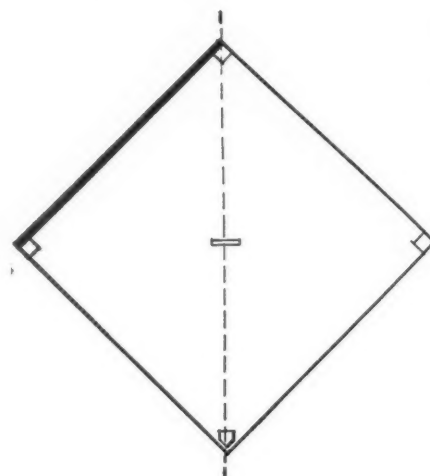
Tennis Handicap: The same utilization of the singles and doubles court can well be adopted for a form of handicap tennis. The better man plays the doubles court while his

less skilled adversary covers the singles court.

In another variation a skilled player covers the singles court against two less capable players in the doubles court.

Cut-Throat Handball is so well known that it needs little explanation here. As in the tennis variation the singles player does the serving and opposes the other two players. It should be remembered that only the server, who in every instance is the single player, can score points.

Volleyball Doubles calls for skillful execution of fundamentals coupled with a physical activity comparable to any of the more strenuous sports. As the title implies, four men play the game. They observe the regular rules.



Layout for Softball Adaptations

Over-the-Line Softball, a variation of regular softball, requires no more than six players, a ball and a bat.

An imaginary line from home plate through second base into center field, dissects the diamond into two giant triangles. The game is played in the left-field part or area. All balls batted into the other (right field) side are automatic outs.

Another line, which may be drawn or merely supposed, is drawn along the base line between second and third. This is the line from which the game derives its name. The team in the field, consisting of three men, line up with two in the outfield and one at short.

The team at bat provides the pitcher. Each batter attempts to drive the ball over the line between second and third in such a manner that it will fall uncaught in the triangular playing area.

The word "over" is used advisedly. The ball must be hit *on the fly* over the line. Grounders are out, as are caught fly balls, balls hit into the right-field area and batters who take three strikes.

The game may be scored in several ways. Each hit may count as a run with no base running involved, or each hit may be automatically counted as a single and the batter given the privilege of stretching it into a double, triple or homer by running the bases as in the regulation game. He may advance until the defensive team returns the ball back over the line.

Under this scoring method, all advancement on the bases must be forced. A runner who stretches a single into a triple must wait to be forced across the plate. He must wait until two singles fill the bases or until someone triples or homers him in.

For example, if the first man up doubles and the second man singles, the runner on second must hold his base, since he has not been forced. If the second man doubles, however, the runner may advance to third. On a triple he may score.

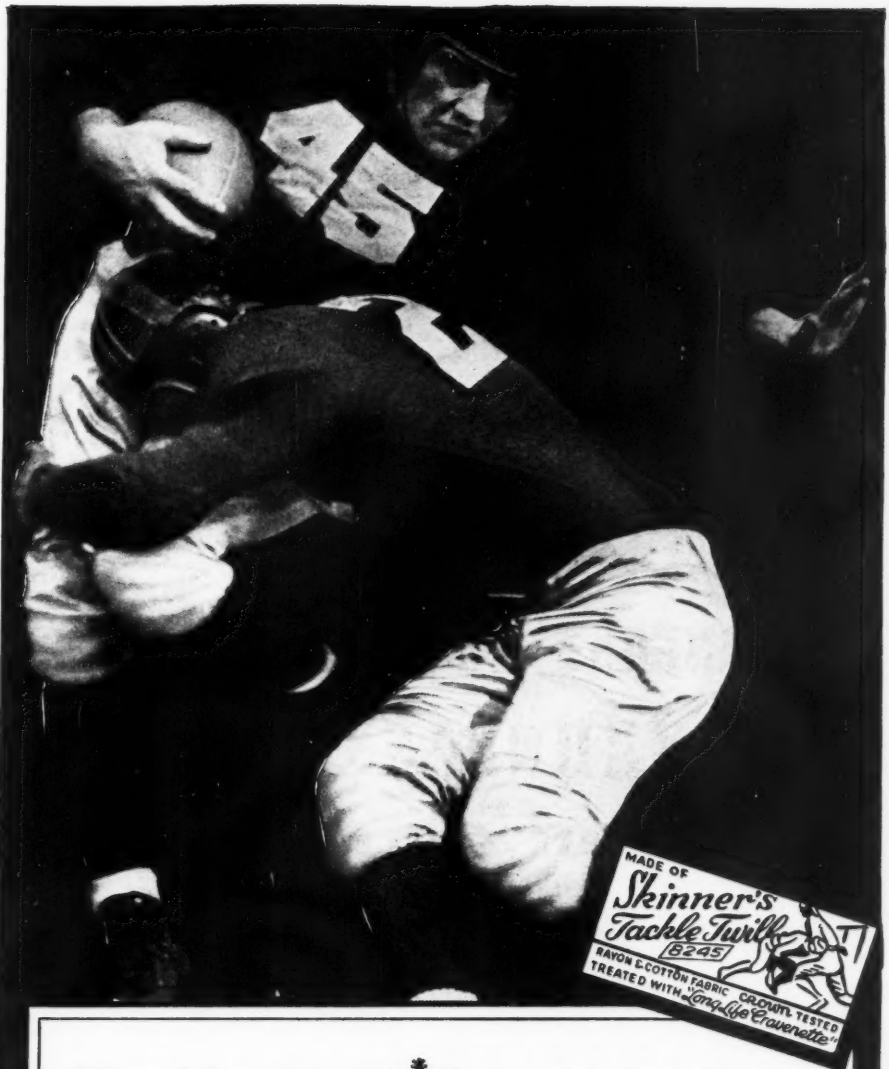
Thru-the-Line Softball: Should eight men be available, enough for four on a side—two outfielders, a shortstop and a third baseman—Thru-the-Line may be played. The game is the same as the former with one difference. In Thru-the-Line, ground balls count as hits when missed or bobbled by the infielders.

Hunch or One Basket Basketball: At the University of Oregon, home of the 1939 national collegiate basketball champions, this variation of the parent game is very popular. Anywhere from two to four men comprise a team. One basket is used and the regular code observed.

The first team scoring twenty-one or more points wins. After each basket the team scored upon puts the ball into play from the center-court boundary. All scores and all playing revolve around the one basket.

Circle or Free-for-All Wrestling: Eight or more boys may be arranged in a circle or in any manner which makes it clear that each is to attempt to pin the man on his right. The efforts of the boys on the right are purely defensive. Once a man is pinned, all wrestling ceases while he leaves the contest. The starting position is then resumed and each man's new opponent indicated.

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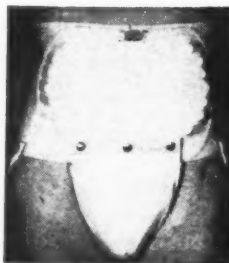


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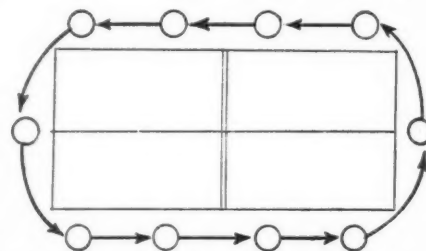
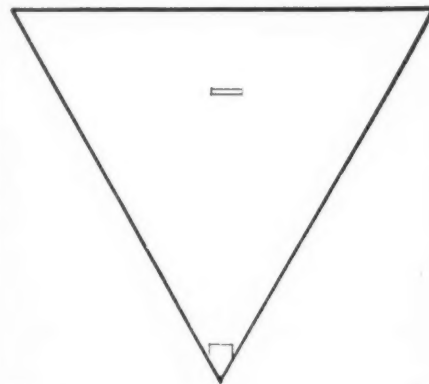


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Volleying

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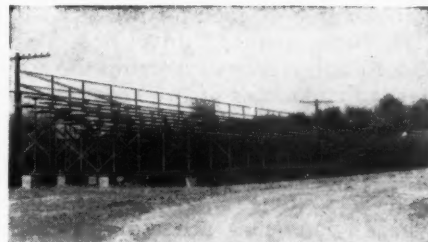
When his approach shot has forced his opponent wide, the attacker should cover more to that side. He should not go in on drives he hits from behind his baseline. Preferably he should wait for his opponent to feed him a short ball. Once he heads for the net, he should go in swiftly all the way; otherwise he will be caught too far back and will be forced to make a difficult volley close to the ground, or a half volley.

To summarize this analysis: the advance to the net should follow a deep forcing drive that will necessitate a defensive retrieve. Better stroking angles may be obtained by moving close to the net. Returns from this position should be made as decisively as possible.

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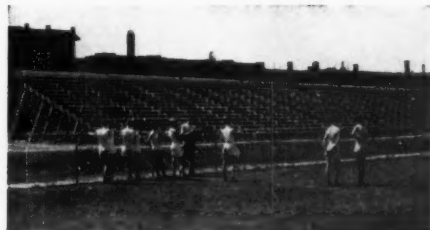


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The Sea Squirt

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tained, the individual acquires a preparedness for activity and a relative freedom from fatigue; that is, some degree of good health.

B. Development. Just how far should one strive to develop the inherited capacities of his body? Most of us are interested in physical fitness insofar as it helps us avoid illness and postpone death. The ideal goal is a stage of physical fitness where you can accomplish each day's work with a minimum of fatigue and, unlike the Sea Squirt, to remain active to a good old age.

Some individuals may have to train for heavy physical labor and others for light sedentary work. In either case, life must be so ordered that the body maintains a normal vitality. If it is not so ordered, the body becomes unhealthy. A low degree of fitness is dangerous as it leaves no margin of safety for emergencies.

C. Sign-posts of Health. What are the sign-posts of health and efficiency? The first is the chemical processes of the body. They should

proceed in a rapid, orderly and economical manner. This means that digestion should not be delayed, the absorbed food should be quickly utilized in building and repairing tissues or in yielding energy, the oxygen supply should be adequate for the demands of periods of work as well as rest, and the elimination of waste products should be prompt and complete.

The second sign-post is the structure, quality and power of the organs. These should be adequate to the body's needs. The muscles should possess size, toughness and power sufficient for both ordinary and extraordinary demands. The heart should be able to resist high-blood pressure and to circulate an adequate supply of blood. The blood vessels should be able to carry this blood to and from all of the tissues.

The third is the accurate and delicate response by the organs of special sense. These are the organs of sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch, temperature discrimination, and balance.

The fourth sign-post is the skillful working of the central nervous system which controls our memory, judgment, volition and learning.

D. Exercise as an aid to health and fitness. Every avenue which helps bring and keep the body in a state of health should be explored. Such aids are to be found in the proper selection of diet, rest and exercise.

It is a matter of general knowledge that practice makes the performance of work easier. Training makes possible prolonged and sustained effort. A man in poor physical shape is easily exhausted by mental and physical exertion; he is often irritable, inclined to pessimism and invariably complains of constipation, headaches, nervousness, or insomnia.

On the other hand the man in first class physical condition shows evidence of mental and bodily vigor, such as alertness, cheerfulness, ruddy complexion, and capacity for arduous mental and physical work. It is believed that these signs are but the outward manifestations of physiological differences within the body.

Next month the author will present comprehensive lecture notes on how to spend a healthful summer vacation.



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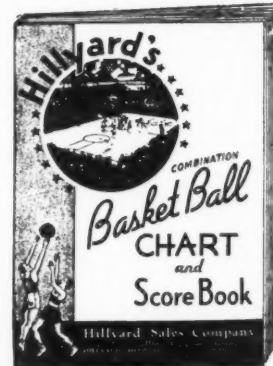


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Playing the Bases

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When the throw is to the right-field side of the base, the shortstop hits the bag with his right foot. On balls over the bag he steps directly toward first with the left foot, dragging his right toe over the base as he throws—providing the incoming runner is late reaching the base. Otherwise—when the runner may interfere with the throw—he steps to the outside of the bag and throws at the same time.

Another important play around the keystone sack involving good footwork is covering the base on attempted steals. I like my defensive player (either the shortstop or second baseman) to take a stance in front of the bag with both feet pointing towards the catcher.

Some coaches look unfavorably upon this position. Their argument is that the runner can slide away from the fielder. I contend that few high school and college players can slide that well. Young players who straddle second or who have the bag between their feet seldom know, on bad throws, how to shift out of the way of incoming runners.

I would rather suffer a stolen base than a serious spike injury.

Standing in front of the sack, the baseman can more easily handle the throw, especially short throws and pegs to the right or left of the bag. I haven't had a spike injury on attempted steals of second in five years of college coaching. (Knock wood.)

Third base

Going to third base the importance of footwork in no way diminishes. As the guardian of the "hot corner" the third baseman must know exactly how to manipulate his feet on throws from the infield, outfield and the catcher.

On throws from the infield and outfield, my third baseman plants his feet firmly on either side of the bag, leaving a corner open for the runner. On pick-off pegs from the catcher, he takes up on the inside of the base; thus giving the catcher a target and reducing the danger of the throw hitting the runner.

In closing I would like to point out that there is still a diversity of opinion on certain plays and methods of execution. The illustrations represent the methods that have given me the most satisfactory results at Seton Hall. In my opinion they are the most easily adaptable to high school and college ball.

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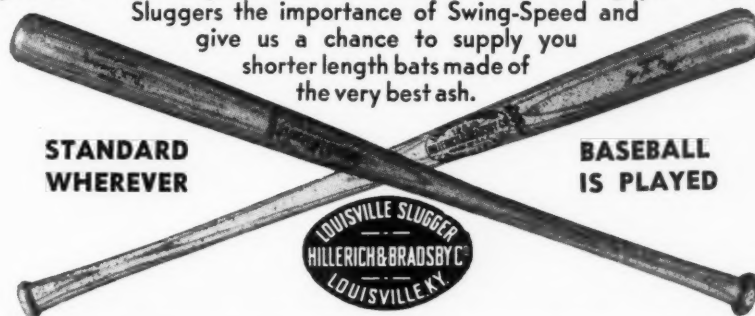
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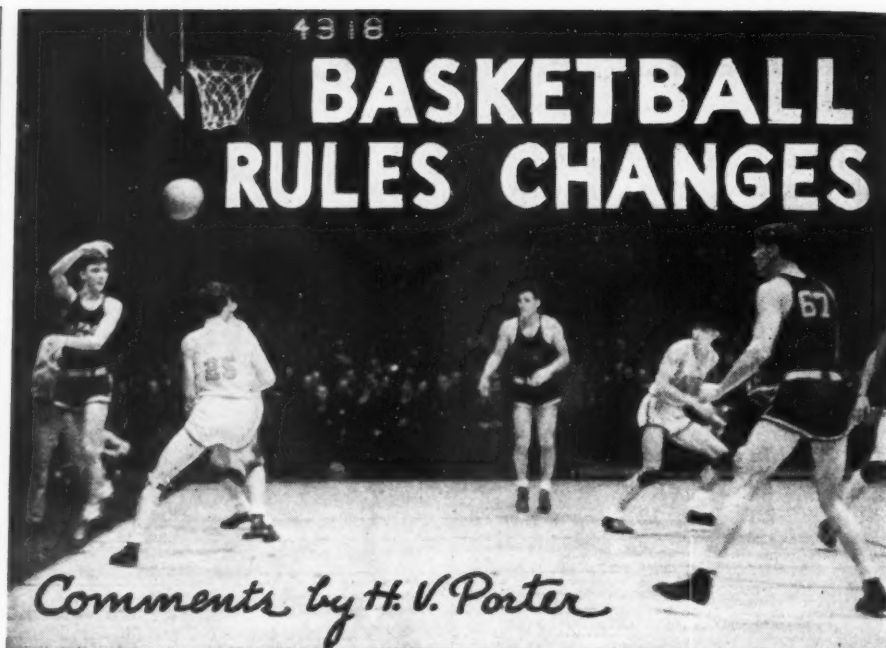
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FROM the actions passed by the National Basketball Committee at its annual meeting in Kansas City on March 30 and 31, it appears that the 1941-42 brand of ball will be essentially the same as last season's.

Only one major change was drafted into the code. The three-second rule was changed to apply only to the foul lane between the end line and the free-throw line. This will have the effect of freeing the outer half of the foul circle to unrestricted use of a post operative. Heretofore the player could deploy in this area for any length of time without the ball, but once in possession had to move or pass out within three seconds.

The Committee also recommended universal use of the molded ball, the smaller fan-shaped backboard and a court with end lines four feet behind the banks. All this will be considered standard equipment. However, where these streamlined improvements are unfeasible at present, the old equipment will still be considered legal.

This is in keeping with the Committee's efforts to keep pace with modern trends. Several years ago a long range program was adopted. Its purpose was to improve the code by eliminating inconsistencies and disputed sections and also to encourage the maximum use of the floor instead of only small areas directly in front of each basket.

This program has involved experimentation and investigation by many hundreds of progressive coaches and contest managers. Desirable improvements were thus made possible. Such improvements

included the gradual recodification of the rules, the perfection of a better-type ball, introduction and wider use of the four-foot end area, better basket construction and a more desirable type of backboard through the elimination of waste space on the larger rectangular board.

These improvements have not been instituted without criticism and objection. Recently, for example, a small group of men came out strongly for the elimination of the molded ball and the fan-shaped board. The Committee was astonished. The facts are that the molded ball has come into such wide favor that the stitched-panel ball is now almost obsolete.

The same thing holds true of the smaller backboard. There seems no question that it will ultimately replace the larger, rectangular bank. Nearly all the numerous state tournaments which used the fan-shaped bank this season reported favorably on it.

The major changes in the 1941-42 code follow:

Court Diagram. The court diagram will be modified in such a way as to show that the official backboard does not extend the entire width of the lane; i.e., the new bank is only 54 inches wide.

Backboards (Rule 2-1 and 2). These sections will be rewritten to make it clear that the official backboard is the fan-shaped board with dimensions as shown in the diagram which appeared at the end of the rules last year and which will be included in the 1941-2 code. A note will state that the traditional 6-by-4 rectangular board is also legal but that the Committee urges transition to the smaller backboard as rapidly as possible.

Baskets (Rule 3). Comments in the supplementary section or in an open letter from the secretary's office will state that the Committee favors development of a standardized method of attaching basket to backboard. Certain specifications relative to such attachments will be drawn up and supplied on request to anyone who has a legitimate interest in the matter.

Ball (Rule 4-1). A second note will be added to this section stating the attitude of the Committee toward a standard-type ball. It will be made clear that the use of the balls which are molded in or on a spherical shell and which have the cover panels attached without the use of stitched seams are recommended and that standardization will be brought about through ultimate approval of only such balls.

Substitutions (Rule 5-3). This section will be modified in such a way as to permit a substitution any time the ball is dead, including the period following a field goal.

Out-of-Bounds (Rule 7-2). This section will be reworded to clear up a number of disputed points relative to out-of-bounds situations. Part of this section will be moved to Rule 10 since it is more closely related to items in that rule.

Playing Terms (Rule 7-14, 15, 16 and 18). These definitions will be reworded to make them consistent with other sections of this rule and to clarify several disputable points.

Center Jump (Rule 8-5). A new paragraph will be added to this section to make it clear that a center jump follows certain situations where fouls are committed by both teams but which do not constitute a double foul.

Ball in Play (Rule 13-6). When a foul is followed by another foul by the same team before the watch is started after the first, the throws are to be awarded in the order in which the fouls were committed. If the last is a technical foul, the ball is awarded to the free-throwing team out of bounds at mid-court after the last throw.

Double Dribble (Rule 14-9). The note requiring a double-dribbler to pass the ball to the nearer official will be removed and the situation will be covered in a new note which will make it necessary for any player in possession after a violation to pass the ball to the nearer official.

Three - Second Rule (Rule 14-11). The three-second rule will apply only to the lane area between the free-throw line and the end line. The note will also be reworded to show that the restriction does not apply while the ball is dead.

Fouls (Rule 15-A, B and C). These three divisions will be replaced by two divisions so that fouls committed by coaches or assistants will come under the head of "Technical Fouls" instead of as a separate group of infractions.

Rule 15-12-Penalty (c) will be reworded to cover a number of situations where two or more players commit infractions at the same time.

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DEVELOPING TEAM SPIRIT

By W. Harold O'Connor

W. Harold O'Connor of Burrillville High School in Harrisville, R. I., has coached cross-country, track and baseball for sixteen years. He has also served as president of his state's track coaches' association and has been an officer in both the baseball and basketball associations. In his article he expounds a number of ways of stimulating interest and developing team spirit in track.

STIMULATING interest in track is a formidable task but not beyond the scope of the average coach. A little ingenuity, high-pressure salesmanship and an understanding of adolescent psychology can be parlayed into a large and enthusiastic track team.

The first step, of course, is the stimulation of interest among the student body. Without this interest, little can be accomplished.

One of the easiest methods of arousing potential candidates is through advertising. With the co-operation of the school's art department, the coach may literally plaster the school with attractive posters. As an incentive to the student artists, prizes may be awarded for the best poster and the snappiest slogan.

Additional publicity may be obtained through articles in the school and town papers, talks at the school assemblies and mimeographed hand bills and posters. Whenever possible prominent athletes may be invited to address the students. The coach himself should take the stump in the physical education classes, urging every able-bodied boy to come out.

There is strength in numbers. Make that lesson pay dividends. Get every boy on the squad to interest one other boy in coming out. Make a personal appeal to any boy who looks like prospective track timber. This isn't a novel suggestion, but it's surprising how many coaches fail to do this.

Big, husky boys are seldom interested in going out for track unless they are approached personally. Once they can be persuaded to report, their attention may be attracted to some heretofore untried field event. The weights, for example, are ideally adapted for well-developed boys. With time they may develop a real pride in tossing weights in which smaller boys are handicapped.

Thus it pays to go after the boys yourself. Don't uncover a good prospect as he is about to graduate. That smooth-striding miler you've been hoping for may be the tall,

scrawny freshman you're looking at today. Be sure to corral him in his first year.

Once a good representation has been obtained, the next step is to sustain interest. In this respect many coaches fall down. How many men have had as many as 40 or 50 candidates report for the first call, and then seen the squad dwindle to a mere handful by mid-season?

When properly motivated and encouraged, few boys will desert. The secret lies in offering each boy a chance of success. Coaches who overmatch their teams in dual meets or who enter their boys in too many of the larger meets, should expect wholesale desertions. Boys become discouraged when they continually fail to place, and against squads three or four times the size of your own, they rarely will.

The best spiritual tonic is a chance for victory. Hence, arrange a schedule commensurate with the ability of the boys. Provide them with competition in their own class, so that every runner and field man will have a reasonable chance to place.

If you can secure classification of teams in your state meet, you've made a good start.

Coaching psychology

Once the squad has been assembled, it is good psychology to flatter their ego. Try to find something nice to say about everybody. They'll soon become discouraged if you don't. If a boy has no more than a reasonably good arm carry or a passable stride, stress the point. Tell your veterans to talk to him about it. Sell your stars the idea that their encouragement is what builds up a genuine *esprit de corps*.

If you can convince your veterans of that, you are helping them as well as the team. Team spirit is as valuable in track as it is in football or basketball, but unfortunately is rarer to find.

After a week or two of high-pressure salesmanship, you may count on your rookies to stick. Real work on fundamentals may then be started. Begin straightening out flaws as you detect them.

It's a good idea to set a reasonable goal for each candidate every week of the season. If a boy can high jump five feet three inches, for example, have him strive for five feet four and a half inches at the

next meet. After the new mark is achieved, set the goal an inch farther ahead. A team chart may be posted on the bulletin board so that they all can make note of their progress.

At first the upward curve will be great, then it will get shorter and shorter until the danger point is reached. Not only will the boy find himself not making any progress but he will find that he is actually going down the scale.

At this point he may succumb to that down-in-the-mouth feeling, and begin thinking of quitting this disheartening business. The coach should then step in and explain to the boy that the slump is but a transient phase of his development and is a natural phenomenon in all athletics. In time the chart will again show a distinct upward rise.

Meanwhile keep stressing the team angle. Get you boys interested in each other. Relays are excellent to put across the team angle. If you have three milers, this is the time to start them thinking of their possibilities as a relay team. Have them contribute to each other's development by pacing one another.

It is a good idea to work your shot putters also as a team. When they're trying for distance, encourage them to keep team totals of their marks. Once you get them all interested in trying to improve their composite score, not one but all of them will improve.

Do the same with your javelin and discus throwers. Show your milers how by working together they may win not one place but two.

What results can you expect of this emphasis on team spirit? Well, your boys may not break records; they may not even beat your big rival, but they certainly will be a track team.

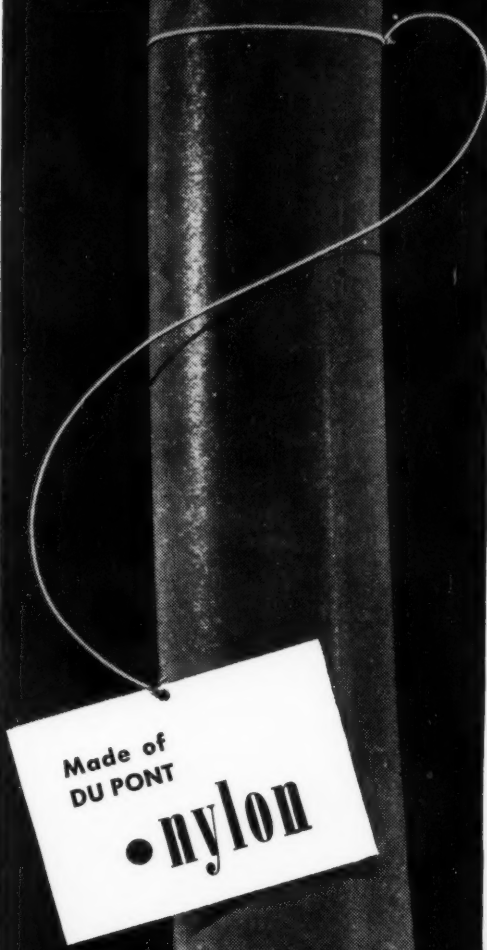
Suggestions

Following are a number of further suggestions on how to stimulate interest in track:

1. Supply the boys with the best type of equipment possible.
2. Post on the bulletin board all pictures, clippings and records on track. (A list of all the accepted high school, college and world's records will be found on page 18 in last month's *Scholastic Coach*). Post state and school records as well.
3. Whenever possible take the boys to the big track meets.
4. Put the school's varsity letter within reach of the majority of boys.
5. Show movies of the stars in action.

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Alcester, not highly rated before the tournament, was a team of gamesters. In each of their three games, they had to come from behind to win. Once in the lead they never could be headed.

Waltz of Ipswich, the defeated finalists, was the most prolific scorer in the tournament. He sank 20, 17 and 24 points in his three games, hanging up his largest batch in a losing cause.

Washington High's Warriors lifted the A diadem rather easily, trimming Mitchell, 1940 champions, 25-19, and Rapid City, 32-24, in the finals.

Sagen of Rapid City led the A scorers with 22 points, 13 of which he sank in the championship game.

R. M. WALSETH

Illinois

Close shaves mark finals

DISPLAYING the same cool but brilliant brand of ball which had taken it through regional, sectional and quarter-final competition, Morton High of Cicero annexed the championship of Illinois in the most closely contested state final tourney in its history.

As the final four made their way to Champaign the question on everybody's lips was, "Can any team beat Centralia?" It seemed hardly possible that the remarkable Eddleman and his teammates could be stopped. But Morton put on the crusher right off the bat. During the first half of the semi-final Centralia was almost completely smothered, being unable to connect for a field goal until Eddleman dropped one in with only 20 seconds left to play.

The Morton defense functioned almost perfectly while the offense clicked off beautifully executed plays which at times completely baffled Centralia. During the second half Centralia's offense started asserting itself as Eddleman broke through for five field goals. A final desperate Centralia rally fell short by one point and Morton walked off the floor a 30-29 winner.

In the second semi-final game Urbana, with big Fred Green controlling the rebounds at both baskets, was extended to the limit to eke out a 39-38 overtime victory over Canton. In the overtime Connor of Canton scored a free throw to put his team in the lead. But with 15 seconds re-

maining Nelson of Urbana flipped in the winning basket.

The 7200 persons who packed the Huff gymnasium for the final saw the two centers, Green and Leitner, match height and skill until the former was banished in the fourth quarter on four personals. Throughout the first half the teams battled on even terms. In the third quarter Urbana assumed what looked like an insuperable lead. But after Green was banished midway in the final period Morton rallied and went on to win, 32-31.

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Colorado

If at first you don't succeed

FORT COLLINS, after being turned back nine times in their bid for a Colorado state championship, finally hit the jackpot this year, capturing the title by drubbing Longmont, 27-14.

Both finalists relied on man-to-man defenses, with Longmont a bit more aggressive in ball rustling. Both also displayed conservative brands of offense. Longmont, lacking an aggressive pivot man, employed a double post exclusively, breaking their aggressive guards around on intricate screen plays.

Fort Collins, with a six-foot-five all-state center, Ed Sholine, had a real pivotal threat, and made the most of him. A great rebounder, he also was sure death on pivot shots.

It was interesting to note the different types of tactics that were employed in an effort to bottle him up. In the final game Longmont, playing against him for the third time, put an extra guard on him whenever he got the ball. They picked out the weakest Fort Collins player, Speas, a guard, and had the man covering him shift off to Sholine whenever the ball was passed in.

It was good strategy, because Sholine was smothered; but the strategy back-fired when Sholine, sensing the setup, began sucking in the defense, then passing back to Speas for short pot shots. The latter sank four goals in the second half to sew up the game.

It was interesting to observe, also, that every leading team used a deliberate, slow-breaking offense whenever possible, breaking fast only when the defense elected to harass them down the court. Another point of interest was the increased aggressiveness of defensive play and bodily contact, especially near the basket.

The smaller schools also presented a variety of tactics. They showed a decided preference for zone defense and a modified fast break. Edgewater, the Class B winner, however, employed a shifting man-to-man defense

that effectively stifled every offense they encountered.

In the final game Las Animas, a tall, rugged quintet, employing a zone that had baffled all previous opponents, couldn't plug up the holes against smooth, sharpshooting Edgewater and lost out 27-13. Both teams attacked deliberately.

R. W. TRUSCOTT

Nebraska

Dark horses in a romp

STATE tournament dopesters had a field day in reverse when it came to picking winners in the 1941 Nebraska championships. Upsets began in the first round and continued throughout the tournament much to the discomfort of the "experts." Because of this uncertainty, the championships in all three classes were packed with thrills from start to finish.

In Class C play the high-scoring Thayer team climaxed an undefeated season with a 36-26 win over Weston in the finals. Clyde Ehlers, the giant Thayer center, garnered five field goals and three free throws, to lead the scorers.

In Class B, St. Francis of Humphrey refused to be misled by the "dope" and came through for their first state championship, defeating powerful Harvard 32-28.

While there were numerous upsets in Class B and C, it was in Class A that least respect was shown for pre-tournament predictions. Although Scottsbluff, the first team from the pan-handle section of the state ever to win an A crown, came to the tournament with a record of 22 straight wins and a scoring average of nearly 50 points a game, they were treated coolly by the experts because of their inferior schedule.

They got off to a shaky start against the strong Albion team, but rallied during the second half to score a fine 32-23 victory. They trounced Fairbury next 35-17, and then Omaha Central, 39-32, in probably the best game of the tournament. In the finals they raced away from Fremont, the real surprise of the tournament, 40-23.

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6 EASTERN PA. FOOTBALL—Pottsville, Pa. June 16-20. T. T. Allen, director. Staff: Paul Brown, Ray Morrison, John DaGrosa. For further details see advertisement in April issue.

7 INDIANA BASKETBALL—Logansport, Ind. Aug. 18-22. Cliff Wells, director. Staff: Bud Foster, Arthur L. Trout, E. N. Case, Chuck Taylor. For further details see advertisement on page 44.

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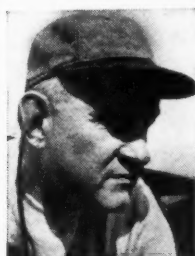
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Basketball Review

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played right on top of their rivals. Only the great ball-handling and moving screen plays of Mallard kept them in the running.

As has been the case for the past ten years, all attendance records were broken for the seven sessions of play at the Drake fieldhouse. The tourney drew 26,400 paid admissions, despite competition from 16 district boys' meets throughout the state.

A great improvement was noted this year in guarding tactics and screening. As usual, the pivot was the foundation of all attacks. With the increasing effectiveness of the play many coaches are agitating for the incorporation of the three-second lane rule and the removal of the defensive restriction which forbids guards to play the ball when an offensive player is in the act of shooting.

FRANK BRODY

Kentucky

Inez lifts Blue Grass crown

THE 1941 championship of the Blue Grass State was won by a courageous team from Inez. The name suggests femininity, but there was nothing feminine about the way these five sharpshooters from a small mountain hamlet in Eastern Kentucky raced tirelessly up and down the University of Kentucky court.

In the championship game the champions - to-be were trailing St. Xavier 15-20 at the half, but in the first minute of the third quarter they found the net twice to bring the count to 19-20.

This was the turning point, as the mountain boys went on a spree which netted them 18 points, putting them ahead 33-25 at the three-quarter mark. The champions scored only two points in the final period, playing a possession game, but St. Xavier could only add a like number, making the final count 35-27.

This year marked the seventh time in the last ten years and the third consecutive time that Inez reached the final round of 16. Their victory was popularly received by the huge crowds that overflowed the University gym at all sessions.

The increased interest in the sport is tremendous. Eventually the tournament may be forced to move to a site which can accommodate all the people who want to see the games.

Practically every team used a man-to-man defense, shifting only when necessary. The champions used this style, switching easily and deftly. In the championship game they committed only four personal fouls.

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ball down the floor fast, but preferred to attack with set plays. Hardin used a free-lance type of offense with its giant center playing near the basket for the rebounds.

Inez and St. Xavier, upon slowing down, deployed three in and two out and worked beautiful set plays around their pivot operatives. The outstanding individual player probably was Tommy Trimble, the dynamic Hardin forward, who scored a total of 69 points in his four games; better than 17 per game. Osborne, of Rhineyville, dropped 43 points in two games. Harmon, diminutive Inez forward, specialized in a peculiar one-hand jump shot which enabled him to shoot accurately even when closely guarded.

The new rules proved popular, generally, with the exception of the mid-period recess rule, which was usually ignored. The fan-shaped backboard was used in a few schools but it is not thought likely to replace the old board next year. The schools having the boards apparently liked them, but the visiting teams usually didn't cotton to them.

J. K. STONE

Ohio

Martins Ferry (boat) serenade

MARTINS FERRY, with a season's record of 23 and 2, annexed the Class A championship by defeating Lima Central, 33-32; Canton McKinley, 40-27; Xenia Central, 36-34; and Lakewood, 37-30.

Martins and Xenia put on the tournament's most thrilling game in the semi-finals. With the score tied 34-34, Groza, Martins' six-foot-two, 220-lb. center, and the tournament's outstanding player, drove in for a crisp shot as the final gun sounded and was fouled in the act of shooting. With 8192 fans howling about him, Groza stepped to the foul line and calmly dropped in the first free throw to clinch the decision. His mates mobbed him, but the officials pulled him back to the foul line where he converted the second charity toss as well.

Again in the final game it was Groza who sparked the champions to victory. Until midway in the final quarter, the score had been tied eight times and the lead had changed hands 14 times with neither team being able to pull away by more than three points. Then, led by Groza, who scored three baskets, Martins hung up five straight goals.

Martins Ferry was an excellently rounded team, with probably the best defense in the tournament—a close, all-court man-to-man—and an offense that was just as good, consisting of a combination of fast breaks and set plays.

In the B division Coach Nolan Swackhamer's Glenford team won in more or less of a waltz, defeating Smithfield, 51-41; Hicksville, 37-33; Xenia Soldiers and Sailors Home, 45-35; and Canfield, 48-28.

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Both the Class A and B scoring records for a single game were broken; Dee Snelling of Newark with 27 points established a new mark for A competition, while Phillips of Cridersville with 33 tallies set a new standard for B teams.

KENT A. PFEIFFER

Oklahoma

Four Indians and Irishman win

WITH 666 out of 740 schools competing in the championship tournaments, high school basketball in Oklahoma enjoyed its biggest season in years. Spectator interest was greater in each of the three rounds of tournaments played. Holding the tournaments one week earlier, during the first week in March, and a more abundant supply of good teams were factors which contributed to this happy state of affairs.

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The Class C title was annexed by the rangy Arnett Consolidated School team from Hollis, who drubbed Mason in the finals 40-26.

Four full-blooded Indians and a red-headed Irishman, representing Pawnee, walked off with the B crown. In the finals against Friendship Pawnee jumped off to a lead and worked up to a 16-9 advantage at half-time. At this juncture Sonny Pryor, Friendship's field general who had been kept out of several tournament games because of illness, was inserted for a few minutes. Friendship whittled at the lead and drew up to 20-22 at the end of the third quarter. Pawnee held on to their slim advantage in the final period and eked out the championship 30-29.

For the first time in years the Class A bracket was so evenly balanced that any one of the eight teams had a chance to win. The final game found Enid, with a splendid season's record, matched with Will Rogers, a new school playing its second year of basketball. After a nip-and-tuck battle Will Rogers captured the title 28-27.

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Fan-shaped bank popular

AFTER "going to the well" thirteen times without tasting victory, Provo High finally lifted a state championship by defeating Davis County High of Kaysville, 21-10, in one of the lowest scoring games in tournament history. As the score indicates the championship game was largely a defensive battle, with both teams employing tight zone defenses and stressing possession on offense.

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D. R. MITCHELL

Connecticut

S.R.O. at finals

WINDHAM High of Willimantic emerged with the Class A crown in the most exciting tournament in years, beating Bristol in the finals 25-24. Manchester Trade School defeated Branford on the same night, 49-34, to annex the B title, while Ellsworth skinned Bloomfield 39-29 for its third straight C-D championship.

The caliber of play did not seem as high as in former years but the competition was keener than ever. Bristol assumed a 9-1 lead in the first three minutes but after Windham's Bob Scranton began popping 'em from outside Bristol's great zone defense, the game resolved into a dogfight. Neither team could pull more than a point away for the remainder of the game.

There was little to choose between the teams. The champions had a well-balanced team and played man-to-man defense. Bristol was an exceptionally well-coached, fine passing team which employed a fast break offense and an almost impregnable zone defense. In the New England championships they revenged their loss, defeating Windham in the semi-finals 36-34.

Attendance at the qualifying round of the Nutmeg tournament fell below average, due to inclement weather, but large crowds jammed the New Haven Arena for the quarter-finals. Four thousand fans were left outside the doors the night of the semi-finals, the police stopping the sale of tickets with 6,000 spectators packed tight on the inside.

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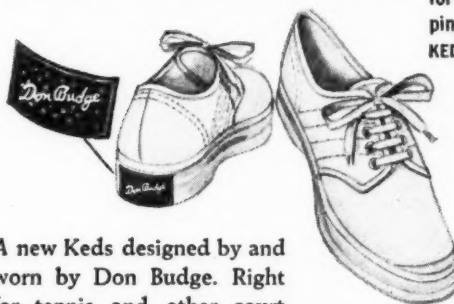
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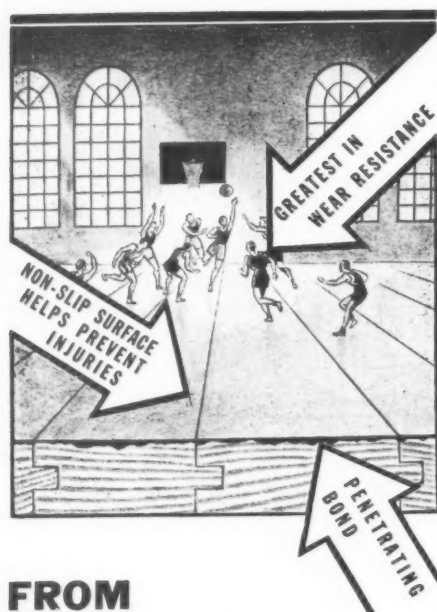
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CARE OF INJURED ATHLETES

By Floyd A. Rowe

This is the second and concluding installment of a series of two articles on the administrative problem connected with the care of injured high school athletes. The treatise is offered by Floyd A. Rowe, directing supervisor of the bureau of physical welfare in Cleveland, and chairman of the National Basketball Committee, as a means of acquainting school men with certain procedures which have been successfully adopted by the seventeen schools belonging to the Senate League in Cleveland. Last month Mr. Rowe covered the availability, extent and financial responsibility of the medical service offered by the League.

NO PLAN for the care of injured athletes would be complete without a studied attempt to reduce the hazards of athletics. Sports, by their very nature, involve divers risks and hazards, and to remove them would be to desiccate the activities of their vital juices.

However, there are certain extraneous hazards whose presence does not add to the game. When overlooked or disregarded, they become an indictment of the organization sponsoring the activity.

Before delving into the broader aspects of the care of injuries, the writer would like to dwell briefly on a few of the ways in which these hazards may be eliminated. Since sufficient material is available on the dangers inherent in defective facilities, equipment and leadership, the discussion will be confined to those hazards dealing with the skill and condition of the athlete.

Probably the first and most important consideration is coordination. From experience we know that the more awkward boy usually is the most frequently injured. Having poor control of his body, he seldom learns how to fall, relax or take a blow. In close quarters he becomes a menace to the other boys as well.

While noticeable at certain stages of every individual's development, awkwardness may also be a permanent affliction. We all know people who have always been awkward, who are always in the way and who, in activities calling for any semblance of grace, deport themselves like "bulls in a china shop."

For this reason the awkward or poorly-coordinated boy should be discouraged from participation in highly competitive forms of activity. Until he develops his neuromuscular mechanisms, he may reap the benefits of athletics in the intramural and physical education programs.

Probably the next item of importance in the prevention of injuries is the condition of the players. It is a well-known fact that there are more injuries in the early weeks of football than there are in the latter stages of the season. Many associations require a minimum training period, usually of three weeks, prior to the first game. These stipulations, however, are like many other rules. While their intentions are good, they are totally inadequate to meet the needs of the situation.

What is needed is some simple test by which physical condition may be determined easily and accurately. There are two fairly valid tests known at present: the Pulse Rate of Recovery Test, which is described by Bovard and Cozens in *Tests and Measurements in Physical Education*, and the more recent Cold Pressor Test, a description of which may be found in the January, 1936, issue of the *American Heart Journal*.

Mental condition

Coaches should not overlook the fact that condition may be mental as well as physical, and that contestants who are not mentally prepared for competition are just as much out of condition as those who are not physically prepared.

Another factor to consider is the relative freshness of the individual. A boy may be in excellent condition at the beginning of a contest but after playing himself out he invariably loses his fine sense of coordination. He can still size up a situation properly, but he cannot respond the way he should. Not only is such a player himself exposed to injury, but he is quite apt to be a source of injury to others. He should be immediately removed from the game.

Both these factors—coordination and condition—are closely allied to the age of the contestant. Every boy has what might be considered two ages—actual and comparable. His actual, or chronological age, is computed in terms of years, months and days. While a factor of importance, it is of less moment than his comparative age.

A boy of fifteen, for example, is at a considerable disadvantage when competing against a boy of seventeen or older of the same weight and height.

Here again many high school associations have attempted to solve the problem with legislation. In most states boys are no longer eligible to compete in inter-school athletics upon reaching the age of twenty.

When you remember that the average high school graduation age is eighteen years, six months, a good case can be made out to reduce at least to nineteen the limiting age in high school athletics.

On the actual playing field the enforcement of the rules has a very vital bearing on the reduction of injuries. Coaches frequently are heard complaining of slow or quick whistles. Their complaint is not entirely a matter of opinion. Certain officials have slow reaction time, and thus blow a slow whistle. Others are quick reactors and, correspondingly, blow a fast whistle.

Since reaction time may be measured to one-thousandth of a second, it seems logical to assume that quick reacting officials are much less apt to have injuries than the slow reactors. The small fraction of difference in time of the blowings may mean the difference between a pile-up or not.

Dental injuries

So far as is known the Cleveland Senate is operating a system of care for athletes which is somewhat unique in a large city situation. Every boy participating in inter-scholastic athletics is guaranteed unlimited medical service in case of injury. He is further guaranteed one week of complete hospitalization.

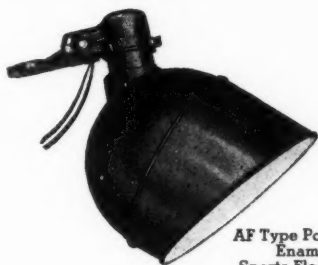
Every boy is also guaranteed the best possible restoration or repair of teeth, providing he has proper articulation of teeth to begin with and that the teeth broken or damaged have not had their structure weakened by previous decay or repair.

To determine these two factors, the mouths of boys expecting to compete in athletics are given a very careful examination prior to the close of school each Spring. The detailed findings are passed on to the boys. If repair is necessary or if certain teeth should be extracted, the boys are advised that the needed repair or extraction must be completed before permission to compete is granted.

Boys with marked cases of malocclusion (faulty closure of the upper and lower teeth) are informed at this time of the findings of the dentist. Malocclusion is responsible for at least ninety percent of all serious

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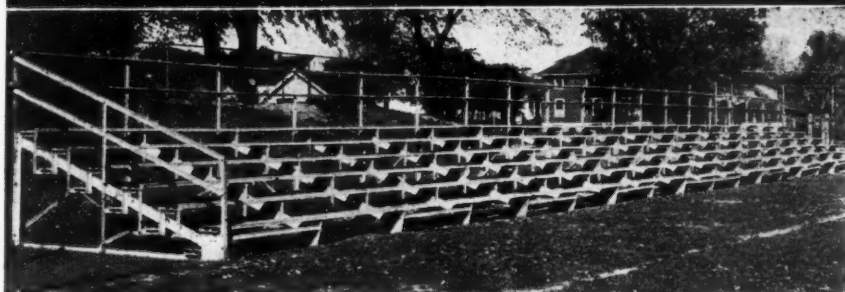
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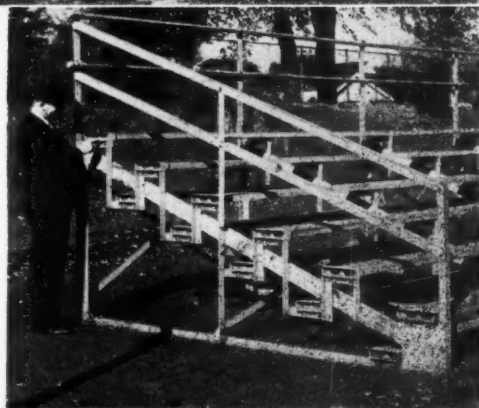
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That not-so-fantastic illustration above gives you a small idea of what a certain Texas high school backfield may look like next fall. The coach is now giving his spring football candidates *dancing lessons*. He declares that all athletes should be good dancers. About 75 percent of his players are now doing the Heel and Toe Polka, Virginia Reel, etc. He says he may use some sort of dance step in his spinner back's footwork next season.

Gabby Hartnett has been getting laughs in the clubhouse of the Giants, with a story about a screwball who approached a woman and asked: "Isn't your name Mrs. Mamie Jones?"

When she nodded in the affirmative, he continued: "And didn't you live out on Willow Street years ago?"

Again she acquiesced, and he persisted "Aren't you the woman that dropped a baby out of a 28-story window one day?"

Hesitatingly she nodded, and asked "Why?"

Grinning, the screwball replied, "Hello, MA!"

We just found out that *Scholastic Coach* was responsible for a recent "crime wave" in the physical education department of the Visalia, Calif., Union High School and Junior College. Oakley Morris, director of athletics, writes:

"For some time *Scholastic Coach* has been coming to our school and being put on the reading file in the gym office. It has been used, I must confess, as an assignment source for make-up work by delinquent pupils. (Imagine punishing your students by making them read *Scholastic Coach*!) However, the magazine has become so popular—and our make-up class so large—that we have had to change our tactics. We now have it on the 'open' shelf. A rather distasteful hygiene book has succeeded in

decimating the delinquents' ranks."

"Our nickname, the 'Buttons,' is somewhat unusual, at least in origin," writes Director of Athletics Victor Wettgenstein of Central Catholic High, San Antonio, Tex. "We were originally connected with St. Mary's University here in San Antonio. They are called the 'Rattlers.' Their boarding high school division had 'Fangs' as their title. Naturally the academy or day school took 'Buttons' for a nickname. It all fits if you know your rattlesnakes." (Ed note: We don't.)

Our idea of a super-man is "Sig" Signorile, first baseman for the College of the City of New York. He works in the city's Independent Subway every night from midnight to 8 A.M., carries a full scholastic schedule during the day and plays ball every afternoon. What he does for sleep is one of life's mysteries.

However, the Big City's athletes are always getting in their athletics the hard way. For three years, Jim Herbert, New York University's great middle distance runner, thrived on a schedule very similar to Signorile's. After carrying the mail figuratively all afternoon, he carried it literally all night—being a regular post office employee on a night shift.

Additions to our nickname list include: the "Redheads" of Virginia, Ill.; the "Saukees" of Pittsfield, Ill.; the "Hematites" of Ishpeming, Mich.; the "Vandals" of Van, Tex.; the "Scot-ties" of Waverly, Ill.; and the "Hatchets" of Washington, Ind. There's a story behind each if you want it. Incidentally, the "Hatchets" were keen enough to carve themselves an Indiana State championship this season. Stand-outs on the team were two Negro brothers, Charley and Willie Harmon.

Add maybe-it-doesn't-matter department. Concordia College of St. Louis, Mo., won ten basketball games in a row this past season. We would like to give the coach credit for this

outstanding achievement—but there wasn't any coach! The boys just played. The coaching fraternity is hoping that the idea doesn't spread too much.

The official tally on Dwight Eddleman's scoring for the year is now in. The Centralia, Ill., "Wondershot" connected for 969 points to bring his three-year total to 1866. Many first class teams don't score that many points in a decade. It was not until the final game of the state tournament that Centralia met its conqueror—Morton High of Cicero, who was barely able to turn the trick.

Another of the nation's great prep scorers is Casimire Weinacker of McGill High, Mobile, Ala., who scored 1097 points in three years. That's plenty good, too.

The Davenport, Iowa, line-up that captured the state title by downing Holstein in the finals included two Days, a Crow, and a Moon. The coach of the Blue Devils is another Moon, Paul "Full."

If you are wondering where the center of population for the Brown family is, you might write Coach Emery Carter of Waverly, Ill. He has one varsity player and a complete intramural team of that name. Bet we could guess their nickname without half trying. Could it be the "Brownies" by any chance?

It's Warmerdam again, the stratosphere vaulter! A rift in the clouds this time gave us a glimpse of his descent from 15 ft., 2½ in. It can't be California sunshine and orange juice entirely; the guy must be part kangaroo.

Bobby Jones III makes his debut as a tournament golfer this month. It was just twenty-five years ago that his dad, Robert Tyre Jones Jr., won the Georgia state amateur championship, the first of a long series of tri-

umphs. If you want to read a remarkable tribute to a champion of champions, read Paul Gallico's "One Hero" in *Farewell to Sport*. It will help you understand why Bobby Jones hoped his son would never become a tournament player.

Historic St. Andrews will be open to golfers this summer, but not as usual. A year ago the course was resowed for grazing, and now a flock of nearly two hundred sheep dot the fairways. Not even the domain of ye ancient game of golfe is sacred to the God of War.

We have heard little about high school golf in *Coaches' Corner*. How many high school golfers have scored a hole-in-one? Have you told your boys who need jobs that there will probably be a shortage of caddies this summer? On the other hand, there will be fewer golfers and most of them will be in a hurry to get back on the job.

Add "Ho, Hum!" department. Michigan has won its eighth consecutive NCAA swimming title. Rather exciting to record that the Wolverines are slipping a bit. Yale came within three points.

Escanaba, Mich., High School hasn't lost a football game in two years.

Central High of Peoria, Ill., hasn't lost a dual tennis match since 1937. The string is now somewhere in the sixties.

Early this spring Coach P. B. Springer of Benton High, St. Joseph, Mo., led his boys out for a time trial on the new track. One by one past school records were shattered. The watch showed the quarter-milers pulling in at 51 and the half-milers at two minutes even. A little suspicious that he didn't have the jack-rabbits the time indicated, Coach Springer got out his tape measure and went to work. The new track was just forty yards short.

A recent Kewanee, Ill., interclass track meet turned out to be a family affair. For the juniors, Bob Tunnicliff won seven events. For the freshmen, brother Ed won seven second places.

All-American note that makes us proud of a nation where such things can be. "The tournament was preceded by the presentation of the color guard of the Luther L. Wright High School ROTC—Ted Mieloszyk and John Wesolowski. John Britanyak was the flag bearer and Donald Hampson the bugler." (From the Ironwood, Mich., *Daily Globe*.)

How did that fellow Hampson get in there, anyway?

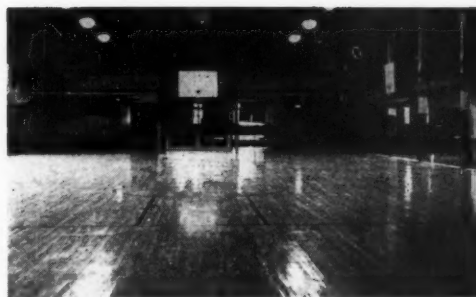
Said Gracie Allen of Biff Jones, "Is it true that he has to wear a girdle?" "No. Why?"

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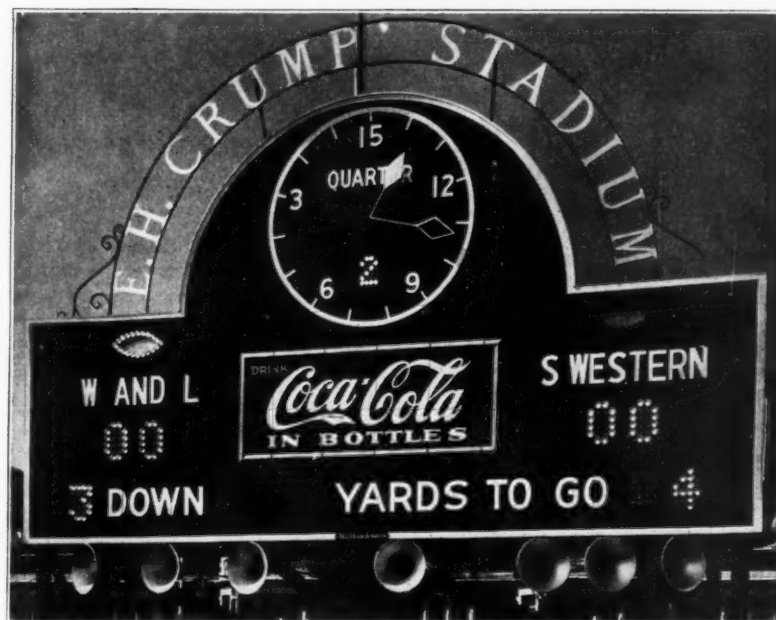


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Athletic Injuries

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dental injuries. In other words athletes whose teeth are properly articulated seldom receive such severe injuries as broken teeth.

On the other hand, many boys who lose teeth in athletics are found, upon examination, to have cases of malocclusion which could have been corrected by some good orthodontist before the boy reached the age of twelve or fourteen. At high school age, such cases are entirely beyond the scope of the orthodontist.

Certainly, then, such boys should be told prior to athletic competition that they are asking for trouble insofar as dental injuries are concerned. They should also be warned, and their parents as well, that any dental injuries sustained in athletics will hasten the grievances which malocclusion always causes in later life.

No matter how skillfully repair or replacement is made, such repair becomes the focus for dental caries. It is a moot question whether such a focus of infection hastens decay in other parts of the mouth. One thing, however, is certain. After the injury and subsequent replacement, the boy's mouth is never in as good condition to resist decay as it was before.

The boys and the principal of the school are given written copies of the results of the examination. The original record is filed in the headquarters office.

Cleveland plan vs. insurance

Many states administer the care of athletic injuries with a form of voluntary insurance, certain features of which represent a marked improvement over the Cleveland system.

For one thing the administration of athletic insurance is impersonal. Under certain conditions, certain sums of money are paid to injured athletes. In general the decision as to whether or not a boy is entitled to compensation is clear cut. In doubtful cases insurance adjusters are not only apt to be fair and open minded, but will lean backward to give the boy every benefit of doubt.

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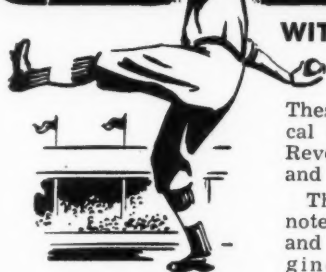
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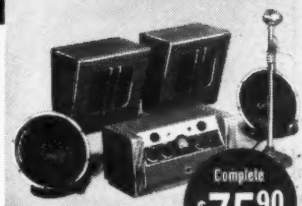
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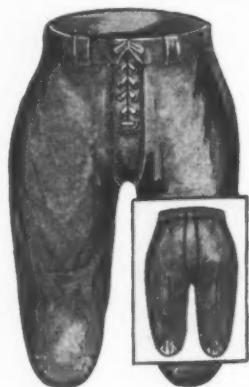
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NATIONAL FEDERATION NOTES

UNDER direct sponsorship of Secretary J. D. Meyer and the Washington High School Athletic Association Board of Control, a National Federation regional conference was held in Spokane on April 11, in connection with the convention of the Inland Empire Educational Association.

Seven states were represented, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, North Dakota, Montana and Illinois. In addition, Alaska was represented by Superintendent George V. Beck of Petersburg, Alaska.

H. V. Porter, secretary of the National Federation, spoke on athletic trends, outlining several policies of the state and national high school associations and the reasons underlying them.

R. M. Berry discussed the matter of athletic insurance. He based his discussion on a paper which had been prepared by P. F. Neverman of Wisconsin. After Mr. Berry had summarized the various plans of insurance, the problem was thrown open to the group. This discussion was of special interest to the delegates of the states considering athletic injury coverage.

Idaho, it was reported, has developed a plan with considerable flexibility. Their schedule calls for definite payment for various types of injury. However, they have not hesitated to give assistance where injuries involving hospital care were not covered specifically. To date, they have been able to operate without any loss to the state association.

Among the states which provide some form of hospitalization are Oregon, Idaho and Wisconsin. One of the greatest problems seems to be the indiscriminate use of the x-ray, particularly where the state association bears the expense.

Following a discussion by various state officers, several men representing commercial insurance companies took over. Robert Warren, whose company underwrites the Texas Interscholastic League and the Colorado High School Athletic Conference programs, revealed that in these states a group insurance is written with the sanction of the state association but all of the work is done in the company office and all claims are paid direct by them. The schedule of benefits is quite similar to that which is in effect



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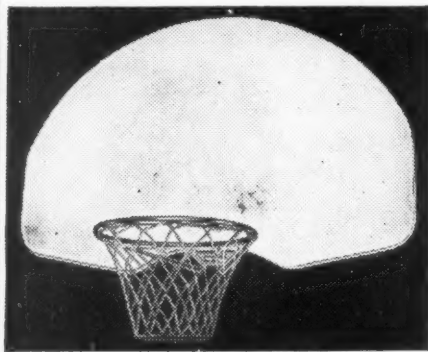
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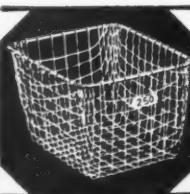
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Through the rules activities, the games have been properly adapted to the needs of high school boys. The games have been made more attractive and the equipment more satisfactory. The program is possible only when great numbers of high schools are willing to cooperate by using the rules as published by their state high school associations acting through the National Federation. Only in a few isolated sections where there is only a hazy understanding of the reasons underlying the rules policies, has any difficulty been experienced.

The schools and defense

The relationship of high school athletic activities to the entire national defense program was also considered at the meeting. It was generally felt that these activities are certain to be affected by the efforts of the state and federal government to increase health and physical stamina. One of the most important functions of the school will be to regulate its physical training and athletic departments to develop those qualities tending to strengthen physique and morale.

Among the topics which were briefly discussed and placed on the agenda for next year's conference was one relating to joint activity in connection with a printed bulletin to serve the northwest states. There was considerable interest in the possibilities along this line. Such bulletin would be based upon the National Press Service material. Each of the cooperating states would have a special section for announcements and information pertaining to the particular state.

Plans were made for a series of football meetings during the week of September 13 to 20 at Bismarck, N. D.; Great Falls, Mont.; Seattle, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; Boise, Idaho; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Softball Skills

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Runners on second must exercise more judgment. If the fly is deep to center or right field, and a fielder is under it, the best play usually is to touch up and try to make third after the catch; taking into consideration his fleetness afoot, the depth of the fly and the arm of the fielder. If the fly looks like a hit the runner should inch as far off the base as safety permits, so that he can score on a hit.

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